**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE RACHELLE JAMERSON HOLMES, A FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGNER, ENTREPRENEUR, AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, FOR BEING HONORED AS THE 2021‑2022 DISTRICT 1 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Rachelle Jamerson Holmes will be honored as the 2021‑2022 District 1 Vice President of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) on July 23, 2022; and

Whereas, a graduate of Winthrop University with a bachelor’s degree in fashion design and merchandising, Ms. Holmes’ talents and business savvy have been recognized by the United States Department of Commerce, which named her the National Minority Female Entrepreneur of the Year in 1999 and was recorded in the Congressional Record by Congressman James E. Clyburn; and

Whereas, she was recognized as the South Carolina Small Business

Administration Rural Small Business Person of the Year, and she served as the past Advisory Board chair of the South Carolina Small Business Development Centers; and

Whereas, Ms. Holmes’ award‑winning Rachelle’s Island Tea was the featured beverage at Jim Clyburn’s World‑Famous Fish Fry for the 2020 presidential candidates; and

Whereas, she serves on the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina and is past campaign chair of the United Way of the Midlands. She volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter; and

Whereas, as a motivational speaker, Ms. Holmes desires to empower, equip, and educate women through the EmpowerHer Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association which she founded in 2018; and

Whereas, under her visionary leadership as president, in just three years the EmpowerHer Chapter earned the Level 1 Best Practice in League Management for two consecutive years and garnered the prestigious Brilliance Unleashed Award for the Top 10 chapters in ABWA; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Ms. Holmes’ intention is to live life on purpose authentically. She wears many hats as a wife, daughter, sister, aunt, servant leader, and philanthropist, and she enjoys dancing, traveling the world, experiencing new cultures, and enjoying great food and music; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives applauds Rachelle Holmes’s mantra that encourages women: “Show up for your life. You’re worth it!” and the members wish her continued success and happiness as she serves others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Rachelle Jamerson Holmes, a fashion and interior designer, entrepreneur, and motivational speaker, for being honored as the 2021‑2022 District 1 Vice President of the Atlanta Area Council of the American Business Women’s Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Rachelle Jamerson Holmes.

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