**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MRS. JACQUELINE EVON WIGGINS YASIN FOR HER THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Mrs. Jacqueline Evon Wiggins Yasin, an educator for Richland School District Two, will begin her well‑deserved retirement on June 12, 2021, after giving nearly four decades of her time, talents, leadership, and experience to educating the next generation of South Carolina citizens; and

Whereas, a fine educator of South Carolina youth, Mrs. Yasin received her own education through her studies at the University of South Carolina. She earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1981, her master’s degree in elementary education in 1987, and her master’s degree plus thirty in elementary education in 1993; and

Whereas, she began her career in education in 1982, acting as a substitute at Gadsden Elementary School. After a brief hiatus from education, she returned in 1985 as a third and fourth grade teacher at McCants Elementary School, where she spent twelve years. In 1997 she spent a year at Rice Creek Elementary School before continuing on to Killian Elementary School in 1998. In 2001, she took on additional responsibilities as an academic assistance coordinator. Three years later, in 2004, she made her final move to Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary, where she has served as a response to intervention coordinator, as well as a teacher; and

Whereas, throughout her years as an educator, Mrs. Yasin has dedicated her time and many talents as a leader. Recent examples of this include fifteen years spent on the school leadership council for Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary, nineteen years spent as a school test coordinator, and fifteen years spent as a member of the Lonnie B. Nelson student intervention team. She has also acted as a teacher in the after‑school tutoring program, a summer school coordinator and lead teacher, as well as time spent coordinating the after‑school enrichment program, along with participating and organizing numerous other activities for the wellbeing of students; and

Whereas, in recognition of her service, Mrs. Yasin was among those distinguished in the 2007‑2008 edition of Who’s Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education, was the 2005‑2006 National Honor Roll’s Outstanding American Teacher, was selected from 2003‑2006 for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, was the 2001‑2002 Killian Elementary Teacher of the Year, was the 2000‑2001 Killian Elementary Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year, and was selected as the 1990‑1991 McCants Elementary Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, professionally, Mrs. Yasin has been a member of the National Education Association, the South Carolina Education Association, and the Richland County Education Association. Developing a strong bond with her community, she has also been a member of Bahaˊi’sˊ of Richland County North and the Columbia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate recognizes that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mrs. Jacqueline Evon Wiggins Yasin, who use their time and many talents to serve, inspire, and educate others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Mrs. Jacqueline Evon Wiggins Yasin for her thirty‑seven years of dedicated service as an educator in South Carolina and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Jacqueline Evon Wiggins Yasin.

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