**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOY SCHARICH UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Joy Scharich upon the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Oconee County Board of Elections & Voter Registration on June 28, 2021; and

Whereas, during her tenure as executive director, Joy Scharich has consistently followed the rule of law while ignoring partisan politics, maintaining a sense of dignity and reverence for the office. Under her leadership, Oconee County has established a reputation for being the first on every election night not only to complete and report results, but also to have audited and accurate results; and

Whereas, while all county offices were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Joy never missed a day in the office. As procedures and rules changed, she kept the polls open even while exposing herself to nearly a thousand absentee voters daily. She remained loyal in her dedication to the voters of Oconee County; and

Whereas, a leader in her profession, Joy has been active in the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials and has overseen the introduction of numerous voting systems. She is well-respected by her peers and is often called upon by other election officials and employees of the State Election Commission for guidance; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Joy Scharich has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Joy Scharich upon the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Oconee County Board of Elections & Voter Registration, commend her for her more than twenty years of dedicated service, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joy Scharich.

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