**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND MARCI ANDINO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION, FOR HER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PALMETTO STATE, AND, AS SHE DEPARTS FROM THE AGENCY, TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, since 2003, the South Carolina Election Commission (SCEC) has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Marci Andino, executive director of the commission, who will step down from her post at the end of 2021; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, Marci Andino earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Limestone College and a master’s degree in computer and information resources management from Webster University; and

Whereas, prior to taking up her duties as SCEC’s fourth executive director, Ms. Andino worked for a global information technology company as a sales representative with responsibility in the public sector; and

Whereas, as executive director of SCEC, Marci Andino is responsible for overseeing the conduct of primary, general, and special elections in South Carolina to ensure that elections are conducted in a fair and impartial manner. She is also responsible for supervising county boards of voter registration and elections and serves as agency liaison with the South Carolina General Assembly; and

Whereas, during her years at SCEC, she has overseen a new statewide voter registration system and implementation of state laws, including photo ID laws. When legislation changed in 2013, she established a fair and transparent filing system; and

Whereas, the long‑term goal set by the agency’s first executive director was the implementation of a uniform statewide voting system. In 2019, Marci Andino oversaw a second statewide voting system that enhanced security at the polls and added paper records of every vote cast; and

Whereas, in 2020 and 2021, Ms. Andino saw a pandemic affect thousands as they went to the polls. Regarding this unprecedented situation, she wrote, “The results were extraordinary. Record numbers voted, polling places were safe, wait times were low, results were reported on time, and very few election protests were filed”; and

Whereas, respected by her peers, she has served on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s Standards Board, the Election Infrastructure Sector Government Coordinating Council, and the Council of State Governments Overseas Voting Initiative Technology Working Group. She is also former president of the National Association of State Election Directors and the South Carolina Deputy Directors Organization, as well as former secretary of the South Carolina Information Technology Directors Association; and

Whereas, the Senate, appreciative of the commitment and leadership Marci Andino has bestowed on this great State, takes great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters a new phase of her career. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and commend Marci Andino, executive director of the South Carolina Election Commission, for her eighteen years of distinguished service to the people of the Palmetto State, and, as she departs from the agency, extend best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Marci Andino.

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