**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CAROLINE ROUECHE OF ROCK HILL UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, Caroline Roueche, retiring after fifty fruitful years as a special education teacher, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in her role as both educator and community leader; and

Whereas, Caroline received her early teacher training at Winthrop College, finishing with a degree in education, followed by a graduate degree in special education and many hours of additional training in the field of education; and

Whereas, in 1971, an eager first‑year teacher, she began her work as an educator in Kershaw County. In 2021, at Independence Elementary School in Rock Hill, Caroline concluded an honored public school teaching career of half a century. In recognition of her many years of committed service, she was named a Hometown Hero by *CN2 News* in Rock Hill and was featured in a special *CN2 News* report; and

Whereas, always seeking ways to serve her community, Caroline is a faithful and dedicated member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and serves as a member of the local Optimist Club and the Rock Hill Debutante Board; and

Whereas, Caroline and her husband, Terry, raised a fine family of four children, daughters Mary and Elizabeth and sons Jon and Lee. The senior Roueches have one grandson, Benjamin, and two granddaughters, Ella and Virginia, who bring much joy to the family; and

Whereas, during Caroline’s well‑earned retirement, the Senate trusts she will find herself more frequently out in the yard planting flowers, in the community recycling, at favorite spots spending time with family and friends, and in the kitchen indulging her love for baking; and

Whereas, having set the bar of achievement high in her profession, Caroline Roueche will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues, students, parents, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Caroline Roueche of Rock Hill upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for fifty years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Caroline Roueche.

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