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A house RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Reynolds Lee, beloved second grade teacher at Wilson Hall, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER fifty-five YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Mary Lou Reynolds Lee will begin a well-deserved retirement after fifty-five years as a highly regarded teacher at Wilson Hall; and

Whereas, having grown up in Pinewood, Mary Lou graduated from Furman High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in 1967 from then all-female Winthrop College, which was founded as a teachers’ college; and

Whereas, she and her beloved husband, Jimmy Lee, were married on July 26, 1969. Together they reared two fine sons, Tripp from Sumter and Todd from Mt. Pleasant. Tripp and his wife, Elizabeth, along with Todd and his wife, Lucy, have blessed them with the affection of six loving grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mrs. Lee spent her career as an educator in the Midlands. She taught an estimated one thousand two hundred children in her career: two years at Wade Hampton Academy in Orangeburg and fifty-five years at Wilson Hall in Sumter, teaching mostly second and some third grade classes; and

Whereas, her dedication as a teacher was honored when she was named Teacher of the Year, as the first recipient in 2003 of the Margaret West Award, and with the 2005 Nash Award for Teacher Advancement. March 22, 2020, was designated “Mary Lou Lee Day” in honor of the anniversary of her fiftieth year of teaching at Wilson Hall; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of distinguished service to the education of students at Wilson Hall, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Mary Lou Lee as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the unhurried pace of the days ahead, and the members wish her many years of enjoyment in her well-earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Reynolds Lee, beloved second grade teacher at Wilson Hall, upon the occasion of her retirement after fifty-five years of exemplary service, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Reynolds Lee.

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