**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FOR HER INTELLIGENCE, DRIVE, AND SUCCESS AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER SERVICE MARKED BY MANY NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS DISTINGUISHED OFFICE.

Whereas, beginning in 2009, Hillary Rodham Clinton’s tenure as Secretary of State was filled with achievements which taken together demonstrate the strength of United States diplomacy through specific successes, such as the opening of Burma to the world for the first time in decades and the notable effect of sanctions on Iran; and

Whereas, the most active Secretary of State in the history of the United States, she traveled more frequently and visited more countries than any of her predecessors, traveling nearly one million miles and visiting one hundred twelve countries, and deftly built new relationships on the global scene and managed old ones, thus advancing American interests abroad; and

Whereas, Secretary of State Clinton made foreign policy relevant to the broader economic conversation and articulated a new vision of economic statecraft that made domestic economic growth a key pillar of American foreign policy with her efforts to win business overseas for American companies. She appointed the State Department’s first‑ever chief economist to help implement her vision and supported free‑trade agreements with allies Panama, Colombia, and South Korea; and

Whereas, she promoted American values in a firm but respectful way that built international faith in the United States and rejuvenated American engagement in the Middle East by brokering a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel; and

Whereas, through her support of the raid on Osama Bin Laden, Secretary of State Clinton facilitated a significant goal for national security, and she was pivotal in renegotiating relations between the United States and Pakistan afterwards; and

Whereas, she was a strong proponent of NATO airstrikes in Libya that eventually led to the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi, and without her robust diplomatic efforts, the use of military force in Pakistan and Libya would not have been nearly as effective; and

Whereas, the former First Lady brought her star power and endless energy to her post and used her ability to capture the imagination of individuals around the world for the benefit of our nation and ultimately the world; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the exceptional service that Hillary Clinton rendered as United States Secretary of State on behalf of the citizens of our nation and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton for her intelligence, drive, and success as Secretary of State and congratulate her for her service marked by many noteworthy accomplishments in this distinguished office.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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