**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MRS. ANNETTE D. MCCOLLUM UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, after more than forty‑four years of dedicated service to the Richland County Legislative Delegation, Mrs. Annette McCollum will retire on April 8, 2016; and

Whereas, born in Colleton County, Mrs. McCollum was raised by a family of educators, which eventually led to her decision to become a school teacher; and

Whereas, after attending Colleton County schools, St. Augustine’s College, and graduating from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, Mrs. McCollum taught school in New York and South Carolina; and

Whereas, after she returned to South Carolina, she worked as a secretary at the Columbia Jewish Center, booked guests for Bill Benton, and was radio traffic manager for advertising at WIS Radio; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCollum worked for the Richland County Legislative Delegation for more than forty‑four years, beginning in September, 1971. In her time there, she served as a secretary, an executive secretary, an administrative assistant, and a special projects coordinator. She worked for a total of seventy‑eight Senate and House members; and

Whereas, in her free time, Mrs. McCollum likes to follow politics, sew, make ceramics, paint with oil and water color, and make flower arrangements. She is also actively involved in her church; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCollum has lived in Richland County for forty‑seven years. She was married to the late Ben J. McCollum, Jr. for almost thirty years and she is the proud parent of four grown children; Captain Ben J. McCollum III, Dr. Adrian T. McCollum, Aneka M. McCollum, and Alphonso W. McCollum; one daughter‑in‑law, Koren McCollum; and three granddaughters, Courtney, Alexis and Ashley; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and fine leadership Mrs. McCollum has bestowed on the Richland County Legislative Delegation, and take great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters a much‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Mrs. Annette D. McCollum upon the occasion of her retirement, extend deep appreciation for her many years of service to the Richland County Legislative Delegation, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Annette D. McCollum.

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