**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROSALYNN R. HESTER, AN ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE FIRST AFRICAN‑AMERICAN WOMAN TO CHAIR THE URBAN LEAGUE BOARD OF THE UPSTATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Rosalynn R. Hester has been appointed to chair the Urban League Board of the Upstate, the first African‑American woman to hold the position; and

Whereas, Rosalynn Hester earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from South Carolina State University in 1981 and a master’s degree in business administration from Webster University in 1997; and

Whereas, since 1981, she has been employed at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and currently serves as an account executive in the Greenville regional office; and

Whereas, a member of the Greenville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ms. Hester served as the chapter’s president from 1998 to 2002 and also has served as the chapter’s treasurer, first vice president, second vice president, and has chaired numerous committees. She also served as the sorority’s co‑chair of membership intake trainers from 2008 to 2009 for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, she served as a board member for Gateway in 1992 and for the YWCA in 1991, and she joined the Urban League board in July 2008, becoming the first African‑American female board chair for the Urban League of the Upstate on July 1, 2014; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ms. Hester formerly served as a church trustee; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the meaningful work of the Urban League of the Upstate as the organization holds its 43rd Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner on Thursday, April 16, 2015, and the members commend the significant milestone that Rosalynn Hester has achieved by being named the first African‑American woman to chair the board of the Urban League of the Upstate. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Rosalynn R. Hester, an account executive with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, and congratulate her for being named the first African‑American woman to chair the Urban League Board of the Upstate.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Rosalynn R. Hester.

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