**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PATRICIA BRYANT SIMPSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY 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 Patricia “Pat” Bryant Simpson will enjoy a well‑deserved retirement after thirty years as an invaluable asset to Greenwood County; and

Whereas, born to Rex C. Bryant, Sr., and Emma Tooley Bryant, Pat attended Ninety Six High School and Piedmont Technical College and obtained her paralegal certification from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Pat began working for the Greenwood County Probate Court in 1977, serving as Probate Court Clerk in the late 1970s and mid-to-late 1980s. In 1993, she started working for the Greenwood County Magistrate Court, where she served as Civil Court Clerk. Her duties included managing small claims and landlord/tenant cases; and

Whereas, later Pat was promoted to Judicial Assistant. As such, she oversaw all jury trial matters, including docketing, juror summons, payments, transcribing, and preliminary hearing scheduling. In this role, her talents were recognized and she was once again promoted. This time she was elevated to the position of Magistrate Court Administrator. With the promotion came additional administrative and financial duties that were comprised of personnel‑related duties, such as accounting, payroll, and procurement, in addition to assisting the Chief Magistrate with correspondence and acting as the chief liaison with the South Carolina Judicial Department Case Management System. Her prowess with the S.C. Judicial Department Case Management System was noticed by former Chief Justice Jean Toal of the South Carolina Supreme Court, who chose Pat to coach several other counties across the State in the implementation of the system; and

Whereas, with the support of her loving husband Jon “Keith” Simpson, daughter Crystal Bullard, and precious grandson Nicholas Boswell, Pat also served honorably as a part-time judge for Greenwood Municipal Court and associate judge for the Municipality of Ware Shoals; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Pat Simpson devoted to the people of Greenwood and 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Patricia Bryant Simpson, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty 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 Patricia Bryant Simpson.

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