**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR SCOTT ALLEN GIBBS, BENEFITS INTEGRITY CLAIMS SPECIALIST FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, for many years, the State of South Carolina has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication and experience of Scott Allen Gibbs, benefits integrity claims specialist for the Beaufort County Department of Social Services, who retired on January 31, 2017, after more than three decades in public service; and

Whereas, a native of Beaufort, Scott received his early education in his hometown and continued his education at South Carolina State University, where he graduated in 1983 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration; and

Whereas, having joined the Beaufort County Department of Social Services (DSS) in 1984, he served as an economic service specialist (level one) until 1993. That same year, he became a benefits integrity claims specialist. He retired in that position of twenty‑eight years but continued in the TERI program an additional five years, making his service total at DSS thirty‑three years; and

Whereas, while at DSS, Scott served on several committees to help promote high morale. He created the door‑decorating contest, served as talent coordinator for the agency’s talent show, and was a member of several agency retirement committees. He also served on the state claims board (SCCOWF); and

Whereas, Scott Gibbs believes strongly in personal involvement with his community and demonstrates his commitment through service in a number of organizations. He is a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, where he is presently serving as church treasurer and director/musician in the church choir. Scott is also director/musician for the St. Paul Baptist Church Adult Choir; and

Whereas, further, he holds membership in Carae’s Lowcountry Modeling (president), the Fellowship Concert Choir (business manager/musician), Gospel Friends of Beaufort (president), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, South Carolina District Miss Black and Gold Pageant (coordinator), National Miss Black and Gold Pageant Committee, Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina Entertainment Committee (chair), Beaufort County State Employees Association (president), Beaufort Humanities Festival Committee, and Gullah Geechee Consortium. He also serves as an election poll manager; and

Whereas, as a talented vocalist, musician, and director, he has directed several productions in the form of fashion shows, pageants, musicals, and countless plays. He has won many honors and awards but most recently was presented an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (Xi Gamma Lambda Chapter) Brother of the Year Award. Finding strength for his duties in his faith, Scott holds Proverbs 3:5‑6 as his philosophy of life; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the legacy of consistent excellence and commitment Scott Gibbs has bestowed on the people of South Carolina. Taking great pleasure in wishing him all the best as he enters retirement, the members trust he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Scott Allen Gibbs, benefits integrity claims specialist for the Beaufort County Department of Social Services, on the occasion of his retirement, extend deep appreciation for his many years of outstanding public service to the State of South Carolina, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Scott Allen Gibbs.

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