**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EDITH HERNDON ANTHONY PURVIS CROSS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Edith Herndon Anthony Purvis “Edie” Cross began a much‑deserved retirement on April 14, 2011; and

Whereas, a graduate of Dreher High School where she was voted student body president, Edie Cross went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina and studied at the London School of Economics; and

Whereas, Edie worked for Standard Federal Savings and Loan and was the executive secretary of the South Carolina Medical Association prior to her service with the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, for more than sixteen years, she has served with distinction, first with Representative Elsie Rast Stuart, then as the executive director for the Women’s Caucus, and most recently as a legislative aide for Representatives Chip Limehouse, Peter McCoy, Kit Spires, and Mark Willis; and

Whereas, in addition to her exemplary career, she is a member and past regent of the University Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she is the author of the *Gallant Gladden,* giving guest lectures on General Gladden’s role in the Mexican and Civil wars; and

Whereas, an avid gardener and an award‑winning member of the Camellia Society, Edie creates beautiful floral arrangements for meetings and other special events; and

Whereas, she served as coordinator of the South Carolina Women Honor Valor, a year‑long celebration honoring America’s greatest heroes, the recipients of the Medal of Honor, that began on January 20, 2010; and

Whereas, throughout the Capitol Complex, Edie Cross is known for her pleasant and helpful demeanor, her computer and graphics skills, and her dauntless work ethic; and

Whereas, she is the widow of Howard A. Purvis and has one daughter, Cheryl P. Lechnar, a professor at Nova Southeast Medical School in Florida; on September 4, 2010, Edie married Andrew Herbert Cross, Sr., after many years of courtship, and they enjoy traveling, gardening, history, and dancing; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of service that Edie Purvis Cross has given to the South Carolina House of Representatives, and wish her much prosperity 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 Edith Herndon Anthony Purvis Cross, upon the occasion of her retirement, for her years of dedicated service to the South Carolina House of Representatives, and wish her continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Edith Herndon Anthony Purvis Cross.

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