**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR VALARIE RICHARDSON TRESVANT OF COLUMBIA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS STAFF DIRECTOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE OFFICE OF SENATOR JOHN W. MATTHEWS, JR., AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, on April 19, 2013, Valarie Richardson Tresvant of Columbia will retire from her position as staff director of the South Carolina Senate office of Senator John W. Matthews, Jr., after thirty‑four years of outstanding service to the people of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, beginning her service with the State of South Carolina as a secretary in the office of Governor Dick Riley, Valarie, armed with an associate degree in secretarial science from the University of South Carolina, worked over the years as a legal secretary, extradition assistant, and legislative secretary (all of these in the office of Governor Riley), later taking on the duties of office manager for Lieutenant Governor Nick Theodore and, finally, the post of staff director for the South Carolina Senate office of Senator John W. Matthews, Jr. In that office, she has served as Senator Matthews’ secretary for nearly twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, during her years working with the Senate, she also has served in the offices of Senators Herbert Fielding, Maggie Glover, Clementa Pinckney, Brad Hutto, Scott Richardson, Mike Rose, Sammy Boan, and Katrina Shealy; and

Whereas, in addition, Valarie gained valuable private‑sector experience as an administrative assistant with Delowe Corporation; and

Whereas, in recognition of her fine service to this great State, in 1987 Valarie was presented with the Order of the Palmetto, the highest award bestowed on a civilian by the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, because she believes in active community involvement, Valarie has been an active member of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church since childhood, and she serves faithfully there as a member of the youth ministry. Further, she is a member of the Renaissance Foundation Board and a former member of the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation; and

Whereas, Valarie and her husband, Dalton Tresvant, are the proud parents of six children, LaJuan Nicole Battle Tresvant, Nikkia Janelle Smith, Alexis LaShae Tresvant, Mallory Richardson Tresvant, Jalyn Richardson Tresvant, and Dalton J. Tresvant II, who have given their parents the joy of three grandchildren, William Timpton Tresvant, Ashton Dominique Tresvant, and Madison Hailey Bright; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Valarie Tresvant has bestowed on this great State, the Senate takes much pleasure in wishing her well in her retirement and trusts she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Valarie Richardson Tresvant of Columbia for her many years of dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement as staff director for the South Carolina Senate office of Senator John W. Matthews, Jr., and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Valarie Tresvant.

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