**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE BARBARA BLAIN‑BELLAMY ON BEING ELECTED THE FIRST AFRICAN‑AMERICAN MAYOR OF CONWAY AND TO OFFER MAYOR BLAIN‑BELLAMY THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE CARRIES OUT HER NEW DUTIES.

Whereas, elected on November 3, 2015, Barbara Blain‑Bellamy took office as the first African‑American mayor of Conway in January 2016; and

Whereas, prior to her election as mayor, Barbara Blain‑Bellamy, a University of South Carolina School of Law graduate, had served on Conway City Council for ten years. In addition, she had served four years as Conway’s deputy city administrator; and

Whereas, Mayor Blain‑Bellamy is not the first in her family to make local history: her father forged a new path as the first African‑American police officer in both Conway and Horry County at large; and

Whereas, the new mayor plans to continue leading with candor and prayerfulness, always respecting others and their views and building partnerships to solve problems; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to pause in its deliberations to salute Barbara Blain‑Bellamy on this historic victory, her election as the first African‑American mayor of Conway, and to wish her well in this new endeavor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate the Honorable Barbara Blain‑Bellamy on being elected the first African‑American mayor of Conway and offer Mayor Blain‑Bellamy the best wishes of the South Carolina House of Representatives as she carries out her new duties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Barbara Blain‑Bellamy.

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