**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHERYL LONG FOR FORTY‑THREE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF BARNWELL COUNTY THROUGH THE SEMINAL WORK OF THE BARNWELL COUNTY COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, KNOWN AS THE AXIS 1 CENTER OF BARNWELL.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in deliberating to express gratitude to Cheryl Long for her significant contributions to the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse and their resulting problems; and

Whereas, in 1973, Ms. Long took the helm of Axis 1 Center of Barnwell to provide awareness, education, prevention, intervention, treatment, and referral for those served; and

Whereas, through these services, the agency assists persons served and other community members in removing the stigma and negative consequences associated with substance‑use disorders; and

Whereas, Ms. Long is credentialed as a Certified Senior Prevention Specialist, a National Certified Addictions Counselor II, and a Certified Addictions Counselor II in South Carolina; and

Whereas, traveling across the nation, she educates other providers how to improve outcomes through the Robert Woods Johnson NIATx Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) Cycle of Improvement System. Ms. Long has also traveled across the Palmetto State to educate 301 system providers on the PDSA Cycle of Improvement as part of the state’s STAR S1 grant; and

Whereas, over the course of forty‑three years with the Axis 1 Center of Barnwell, Ms. Long has served on many statewide committees, including her service as the past chair of the Alcohol and Drug Section of the South Carolina Public Health, chairperson of the Aiken‑Barnwell Mental Health Board, chair of the marketing committee for the Savannah River Rural Healthy Network Initiative, treasurer of the Coastal Savannah Substance Abuse Council, and secretary of the Barnwell County First Steps Partnership; and

Whereas, with deep commitment to her community, she is a member of the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce, Barnwell County Rotary Club, Barnwell County Lions Club, Southern Palmetto Hospital’s Healthy Outcomes Plan, and St. Teresa’s Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary; and

Whereas, Ms. Long has been honored as the 1962 Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year, the 1968 Moncks Corner J. C. Woman of the Year, the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce’s 1985 Barnwell County Woman of the Year, the recipient of the South Carolina Public Health Association’s James Douglas Welch Award, and the 2015 Professional of the Year for the South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council; and

Whereas, a loving wife, she is the devoted mother of three children and the adored grandmother of four grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply appreciates the significant contributions that Cheryl Long has made to improve the health of our citizens and our communities. 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 honor Cheryl Long for forty‑three years of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Barnwell County through the seminal work of the Barnwell County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, known as the Axis 1 Center of Barnwell.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cheryl Long.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑