**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR PAMELA P. LACKEY, PRESIDENT OF AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, since 1997, the people of South Carolina have enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Pamela P. Lackey, president of AT&T South Carolina, who at the end of June 2018 will retire after more than two decades of outstanding service with AT&T and its predecessor company, BellSouth; and

Whereas, a native of Meridian, Mississippi, Pamela Lackey attended the University of Alabama, earning a bachelor’s degree in education, a master’s degree in library science, and an education specialist degree in school media supervision. She moved to South Carolina in 1980; and

Whereas, she began her career as a school library media specialist. In the field of education, she most recently served as senior executive assistant to the state superintendent of education; and

Whereas, Pamela Lackey joined AT&T’s predecessor company, BellSouth, in 1997, and initially served in the business marketing group, where she was the company’s primary interface with education and government customers. In that role, she was instrumental in establishing the state’s first broadband network to provide high­speed Internet service to all schools and libraries. She was subsequently promoted to the position of director-government relations, in which post she worked directly with members of the South Carolina General Assembly on public policy matters; and

Whereas, in October 2007, she was named to her current position as state president, AT&T South Carolina, and was responsible for the company’s regulatory and legislative activities, as well as matters pertaining to economic development and community affairs. As president, she has worked closely with state and community leaders to help bring new technology and jobs to the State and to improve quality of life for all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, in recognition of her spirit of excellence and dedicated service, Pamela Lackey has been granted numerous honors, among them designation as 2011 South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year, the highest award bestowed by the state’s largest statewide broad‑based business and industry trade association, which represents more than eighteen thousand businesses and more than one million employees; and

Whereas, she has been extensively engaged in community and civic service, including as a current co‑chair of the Transform South Carolina education initiative and past chair of the South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce. She was the first female chair of the Palmetto Business Forum and the South Carolina Ports Authority, and serves on numerous boards, including the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council, the Hollings Cancer Center Advisory Board, and the International African American Museum Board; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, she is a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, where she serves on the Altar Guild. In her spare time, she is an avid golfer and reader, in that order; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Pamela P. Lackey has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, take great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters retirement, and wish her much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honors Pamela P. Lackey, president of AT&T South Carolina, on the occasion of her retirement, extends deep appreciation for her many years of distinguished service to the residents of South Carolina, and offers best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pamela P. Lackey.

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