**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MARY D. HAZELTON FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO VETERANS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mary D. Hazelton for her lifelong commitment to serving those who have served and sacrificed for America; and

Whereas, Mary Hazelton began her career with the Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office in 1943. In this capacity, she nurtured and cared for veterans and their families for over thirty years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hazelton has also been a faithful member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 in Lexington for over seventy‑five years; and

Whereas, with the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Hazelton has served in many leadership roles, including as president. During her tenure, she guided her team to support veterans, families, and active military personnel; and

Whereas, now in her nineties, Mrs. Hazelton continues to attend monthly meetings at the Auxiliary, as well as meetings sponsored by the Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office. She continues to support veterans in Lexington County, in the State of South Carolina, and on deployment; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hazelton has been the official pianist of the American Legion Post 7 for many years, playing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs at meetings and other events; and

Whereas, she has also served for over thirty‑five years as the organist and pianist for Lexington Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the unfailing passion and dedication of this daughter of South Carolina in her service to veterans and their survivors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mary D. Hazelton for her many years of dedicated service to veterans in the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary D. Hazelton.

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