**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHARON BYNUM FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM THE 16TH CIRCUIT (YORK AND UNION COUNTIES) AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to recognize Sharon Bynum for her diligent and dedicated service as a member from the 16th Circuit (York and Union counties) of the State Board of Education, the policy‑making body for public elementary and secondary education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, born in Birmingham, Alabama, Sharon Bynum attended Oklahoma State University and Stafford Hall Secretarial School in Summit, New Jersey. The education of her daughter inspired Mrs. Bynum’s passion for education and parental involvement. Her daughter attended public school in Charlotte, North Carolina, and during that time Mrs. Bynum spent many hours in classrooms helping teachers and school staff; and

Whereas, moreover, she became an advocate for parents concerned about curriculum issues, a role that encouraged her to seek a seat on the Charlotte‑Mecklenburg Board of Education, where she served from 1986 until the end of 1995. During that time, she was involved with busing for integration and the addition of magnet and International Baccalaureate schools. When there was a rapid increase in the population of Mecklenburg County, Mrs. Bynum worked on the development of more schools and yearly reassignment plans; and

Whereas, in further service to her community, Sharon Bynum has served on the board of Charlotte Rescue Mission and in leadership roles at her church, St. Giles Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bynum finds strength for her labors in the strong support of her family: her husband, Frank Bynum; their daughter, Amy; and their son, Jeff; and

Whereas, grateful for the caring commitment Sharon Bynum has shown in serving the citizens of South Carolina, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in wishing her all the best in the days to come. 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 Sharon Bynum for her distinguished service as a member of the State Board of Education from the 16th Circuit (York and Union counties) and extend best wishes for much success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon Bynum.

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