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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOTAKA EADDY, PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN AND CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY, STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT, AND IMPACT FOR LENDUP.

Whereas, Jotaka Eaddy currently serves as Vice President of Policy, Strategic Engagement, and Impact for LendUp, a Silicon Valley based, mission-driven financial technology company. A member of LendUp’s executive management team that handles, regulatory, legislative, and social impact initiatives at the federal and state level, her team is responsible for measuring how LendUp’s products benefit consumers; and

Whereas, a natural leader, Eaddy has spearheaded major initiatives to bridge the gap between Washington D.C. and Silicon Valley, including fostering partnerships between the private sector and government and nonprofit sector. Her work in this area has resulted in education and social impact initiatives that have reached more than two million consumers served by the tech industry; and

Whereas, committed to social impact and social justice, Eaddy gives of her time and many talents to serve as a board advisor to several tech start‑up companies including Maker’s Row, Inc., Gauge, Inc., Tech Dojo, and Hustle, Inc. She’s also a member of the University of South Carolina Alumni Association Board of Governors and a founding board member of The Nate Parker Foundation; and

Whereas, beginning in 2009 through 2014, Eaddy served as Senior Advisor to the President and CEO and Senior Director for Voting Rights for the NAACP. She directed external affairs and strategic initiatives on behalf of the Office of the President and CEO and led the NAACP’s strategy to defend and expand voting rights; and

Whereas, in 2004 Eaddy directed the national lobby and international advocacy campaign against the juvenile death penalty in the United States. Her efforts bore fruit as the 2005 landmark US Supreme Court decision for Roper v. Simmons finally abolished the practice in the United States; and

Whereas, Eaddy has also traveled to forty‑nine states and twenty‑five countries as a lecturer and strategist on human rights and social impact at various institutions and universities. She has lobbied the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Organization of American States, and the Council of Europe among a host of other international forums; and

Whereas, as early as when Eaddy was a student at the University of South Carolina she had a passion for leadership and a voice for change. She held a number of leadership roles including a tenure as student representative on the university’s board of trustees; a position as student senator, which she used to great effect in passing a student resolution calling for the removal of the confederate flag from the South Carolina Statehouse dome; and was also the first black woman elected as student body president in its storied two hundred and thirteen year history; and

Whereas, Eaddy has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards and her tireless work has been featured by many well known and trusted publications; and

Whereas, her innovative mind, impeccable work ethic, and fearless voice has allowed Jotaka Eaddy to lead confidently, tactfully, and with great effect as she strives to push the boundaries and enact changes that benefit the citizens of both this great State and the nation as a whole. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the life and achievements of Jotaka Eaddy, prominent African American and current Vice President of Policy, Strategic Engagement, and Impact for LendUp.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jotaka Eaddy.

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