**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HELEN MCDOUGALL DRAKE, SECRETARY FOR ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑ONE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Helen McDougall Drake will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty‑three years of serving educational needs in Richland County, the last twenty‑one of which have been as the highly‑regarded school secretary at Rosewood Elementary School; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, she attended Limestone College and the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mrs. Drake worked as a school crossing guard before she began serving as a library assistant at Satchel Ford Elementary School in 1988 in Richland County School District One. When she left Satchel Ford, she served as an administrative assistant at the Heyward Career Center; and

Whereas, she began her service as the school secretary at Rosewood Elementary in 2000, and in the ninety‑six‑year history of the school, she is only its third secretary, a testament to the dedication of those who have served the school in that capacity; and

Whereas, together with her late husband of forty‑five years, Samuel Curtis Drake, she has reared three fine children: John Charles, Robert Jamison, and Thomas Hayes. Her children have blessed her with the affection of four loving grandchildren: Samuel Gray Drake, Benjamin Boyd Drake, Coleman Hayes Drake, and Brewer Thomas Drake; and

Whereas, a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and devoted wife and mother to her family, Mrs. Drake plans to spend many happy hours of retirement enjoying her family; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of devoted service to Rosewood Elementary, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Helen Drake as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. 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 Helen McDougall Drake, secretary of Rosewood Elementary School, upon the occasion of her retirement after twenty‑one years of outstanding service, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Helen McDougall Drake.

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