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A house RESOLUTION

TO HONOR GEALES GAVIN SANDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRANCES P. BUNNELLE FOUNDATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, since 2004, the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation in Georgetown County has enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Geales Gavin Sands, the foundation’s executive director, who on May 30, 2025, will retire after twenty-one years of outstanding service; and

Whereas, this native of Louisiana moved to Murrells Inlet in 1999 and became the executive director and first employee of the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation five years later. The foundation aids Georgetown County through financial support of the nonprofit community that works to improve the county. Previously, Geales had worked in volunteer recruitment and placement, as well as in development for nonprofits. She found her new job with the Bunnelle Foundation to be a great fit because she enjoys connecting people and organizations; and

Whereas, over the years, Geales has served the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation as a public speaker and has been a source for an overview of nonprofit organizations in Georgetown County, for information on Georgetown-area nonprofits, and for general consultations for nonprofits, all with the idea of improving quality of life for the citizens of Georgetown County. Among many other projects, Geales led the foundation in helping to establish the YSplash program, which teaches second graders about water safety, at the Georgetown YMCA. She also worked with a team of eighty-three nonprofit Georgetown County organizations and many volunteers to raise $4,100,000 in thirty-six hours on Palmetto Giving Day; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, Geales Sands earned her bachelor’s degree from Louisiana State University, and she is a Riley Fellow and a Senior Fellow with the Waccamaw American Leadership Forum; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Geales is active in her church. There, she leads the Flower Guild, which has hosted flower workshops open to the community. The House hopes that soon Geales will find herself more frequently able to indulge her love of flowers (and needlepoint, her pandemic therapy), as well as her pleasure in being with her family, which includes identical twin granddaughters; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Geales Sands has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, is pleased to wish her well as she enters retirement and trusts she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Geales Gavin Sands, executive director of the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation, on the occasion of her retirement, extend deep appreciation for her twenty-one years of working to improve quality of life for the people of Georgetown County, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Geales Gavin Sands.

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