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A Senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE Estella Sheila Ford UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER many YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Estella Sheila Ford upon the occasion of her retirement from the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the Seneca office; and

Whereas, Sheila joined the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in 2008 through a grant program and was hired on a full‑time basis in 2009. She worked in the Anderson office until transferring to the Seneca office in 2016, where she served as the area supervisor until her retirement in June 2023; and

Whereas, before joining the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Sheila had been on disability for sixteen years. However, she made a determined decision to re‑enter the workforce and bring her valuable skills and qualities to assist others; and

Whereas, in addition to her professional accomplishments, Sheila has a notable athletic background. She played basketball at Clemson University and then obtained a master’s degree from South Carolina State University. This diverse background and her personal experiences contributed to her empathy and understanding when working with individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Sheila strongly believes in the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department’s mission, which is to prepare and assist eligible South Carolinians with disabilities in achieving and maintaining competitive employment; and

Whereas, throughout her career, Sheila consistently worked toward ensuring her team had the necessary resources and support to be successful in their roles. Her career at the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department has exemplified her commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, an inspiration in her profession, Sheila’s determination, competitive spirit, loyalty, passion, and strong work ethic, combined with her personal experiences and education, enabled her to help others and advance the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department’s mission; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedication that Estella Sheila Ford has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Estella Sheila Ford upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her many years of dedicated service, and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Estella Sheila Ford.

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