**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ANNETTE D. YOUNG OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS SHE DEPARTS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with genuine regret that Annette D. Young will retire from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of her current term; and

Whereas, Representative Young’s leadership was quickly recognized upon her election to the House in 1991 when she was elected Chairman of the Dorchester County Legislative Delegation, serving through 1994. In 1995 she was elected House Majority Leader, and she has served on the Statehouse Committee since 1995, which included the historic renovation of the Statehouse from 1995 to 1998; and

Whereas, Representative Young has served the people of House District 98 with honor and distinction for twenty years. She has served on the Ways and Means Committee since 1998 and in 2006 was first vice chair. She was Vice Chair of the Ethics Committee in 2009 and has served as first Vice Chair of the Joint Bond Review Committee since 2006; and

Whereas, a fiscal watchdog, Representative Young is a friend and advocate for the taxpayer and is dedicated to the principles of sound budgeting, benefitting the State and the constituents she serves; and

Whereas, throughout her tenure in the House she has worked to improve efficiency and accountability in state government and when needed has questioned agency policies and practices and has challenged state employees to serve the public with the utmost professionalism; and

Whereas, Representative Young has also been a strong advocate for local government and was the author and lead sponsor of the “South Carolina Residential Improvement District,” legislation expanding the authority and funding for county and municipal improvement districts, and legislation revising many local election laws; and

Whereas, born in Mississippi to the late Terri W. and the late Alice R. Douglas, she married her beloved husband, the late Roger Allen Young, and they raised two fine children, Robert and Kristina; and

Whereas, before coming to the House of Representatives she was exemplary in her service to her community, and in 1987 she received the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award conferred in the State, from Governor Carroll Campbell; and

Whereas, among the myriad causes and organizations she has served include the Joint Legislative Committee on Children, Rollings Elementary School, Givhans Elementary School, Trident Technical College, the YMCA Executive Board, Junior Service League, Archdale Women’s Club, Summerville Kiwanis Club, and the Summerville Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Representative Young, though serious, focused, and hard working, is known to have a keen sense of humor and is admired for her generosity, warmth, and loyalty. The members of the South Carolina House of Representatives will miss their faithful friend and colleague Annette Young and the hard work and dedication she has given to the House of Representatives and wish her continued success in her private life as she leaves the State House. 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 commend the Honorable Annette D. Young of Dorchester County for twenty years of dedicated service in the General Assembly on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, and wish her much success and happiness as she departs the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Annette D. Young.

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