**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEBORAH WEATHERS HARGROVE OF CHARLESTON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY‑TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, 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 Deborah Weathers Hargrove will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑two years as a premier educator of mentally handicapped children; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Deborah Weathers earned a bachelor’s degree in special education from Winthrop College in 1973, and in 1977 received a master’s degree in elementary education with specialization in learning disability from Clemson University. In 1992, she received an educational specialist certificate; and

Whereas, Ms. Hargrove commenced her career in Honea Path, where from 1973 to 1974 she taught elementary school children who were learning disabled, emotionally handicapped, and educable mentally handicapped. In the forty-one years that followed, she taught in Chesapeake, Virginia, as well as in Williamston, Ballentine, and Summerville, where since 1993 she has served as a distinguished and highly‑regarded teacher of special education at Newington Elementary School; and

Whereas, a highly-respected educator who was named Dutch Fork Elementary School Teacher of the Year in 1985, Mrs. Hargrove’s keen ability to diagnose and recommend educational options, combined with her compassionate listening and understanding, has benefitted many families whose children exhibit a broad range of handicaps; and

Whereas, a member of the Rho Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a national honorary teachers’ sorority, Ms. Hargrove served as its recording secretary from 1982 to 1984, and as the recording secretary for Sigma Epsilon, a national service sorority in 1976. She also served as the chair of the special education department at both Park Elementary and Alston Middle schools; and

Whereas, she has been a member of the Council for Exceptional Children since 1971, and she served as a member of the Special Education Advisory Council for Lexington School District Five from 1981 to 1984. Ms. Hargrove also served the Council for Exceptional Children Division of Mental Retardation, once as the state president and twice as treasurer; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for Deborah Hargrove’s years of unparalleled dedication to educating mentally handicapped and wish her many years of enjoyment in her richly-deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Deborah Weathers Hargrove of Charleston upon the occasion of her retirement after forty‑two years of dedicated service as an educator, 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 Deborah Weathers Hargrove.

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