**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SUSAN GORDON WELCH, A TEACHER AT JOHNSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY‑TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED 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 Susan Welch began a well‑deserved retirement on January 18, 2017, after forty‑two years as a premier teacher, the last twenty of which have been as an outstanding and highly‑regarded teacher at Johnsonville High School; and

Whereas, born in Hemingway, she is the daughter of Keith and Bobbie Gordon, and graduated from Hemingway High School where she was a cheerleader; and

Whereas, Mrs. Welch earned a bachelor’s degree from Columbia College and began her professional career as a teacher at Pleasant Hill Middle School and then moved to Pleasant Hill High School; and

Whereas, in 1997, she began teaching at Johnsonville High School and was honored as a finalist for state teacher of the year in the early 2000s; and

Whereas, together she and her beloved husband of forty years, Terry Welch, reared two fine children, Brian Welch and Meredith Powell; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Hemingway First Baptist Church, Mrs. Welch serves the congregation as a pianist and sings in the church choir; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Susan Welch has devoted to educating young minds in our great State and 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Susan Gordon Welch, a teacher at Johnsonville High School, upon the occasion of her retirement after forty‑two years of distinguished 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 Susan Gordon Welch.

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