**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE LAURIE SLADE FUNDERBURK ON HER MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER MORE THAN SIXTEEN YEARS AND TO WISH HER CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, beginning June 15, 2004, by special election, for more than sixteen years the Honorable Laurie Slade Funderburk faithfully represented the citizens of Kershaw County, District 52, in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, Laurie Funderburk’s views on public service are grounded in her commitment to family and community. Born in Camden and continuing to enjoy residence in her hometown, Laurie serves her community as a businesswoman and attorney. She earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of South Carolina and her juris doctor at the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, during her time of service in the House of Representatives, Laurie Funderburk proved her worth as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as the Legislative Oversight Committee, which she served as vice chair. She gained early experience in the legislative process working as a law clerk for the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee (1999‑2001). When she became a legislator herself, she shared in the work of the South Carolina House Sportsmen’s Caucus (secretary, vice chair, and ultimately, chair); the Rural Caucus (secretary); and the South Carolina General Assembly Women’s Caucus (chair). In addition, she was a delegate to Australia for the American Council of Young Political Leaders (2007) and served as state director of Women in Government (2006‑2008); and

Whereas, former Representative Funderburk believes strongly in personal involvement with her community, and her convictions have led her to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina, in several capacities. Past or present service includes membership on the board of directors for the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County, Carolina Cup Racing Association, National Steeplechase Museum, Santee‑Lynches Regional Council of Governments, Kershaw County Community Medical Clinic, and United Way of Kershaw County. She also has served on the City of Camden Planning and Zoning Commission and South Carolina Department of Agriculture Food Policy Council and is past president of the Kershaw County Bar Association and a member of the Camden Rotary Club; and

Whereas, a past recipient of the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County Harriett Phelps Service Award, Laurie was honored with her family in being named the 2005 Kershaw County Agribusiness Family of the Year; and

Whereas, Laurie finds strong support for her labors in her family: her husband, Harold Williams Funderburk, Jr., and their children, Slade Horton and Burch Hough; and

Whereas, on the occasion of her departure from the House of Representatives, her House colleagues, grateful for Laurie Slade Funderburk’s committed service to this body and the people of District 52, extend warmest best wishes for much fulfillment and blessing in this new phase of her life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Laurie Slade Funderburk on her meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over more than sixteen years and wish her contentment and success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Laurie Slade Funderburk.

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