**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SUSANNE PEEPLES, HAMPTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Susanne Peeples was named the first female South Carolina Emergency Management Association Director of the Year for 2020 during the April 8 South Carolina Emergency Management Association Virtual Conference; and

Whereas, known as “Momma Sue” to many in Hampton County because of her devotion to keeping hometown folks safe, she has served since 2006 as the county’s Emergency Management Division director and is the first female to earn this honor in the State; and

Whereas, Ms. Peeples has worked for Hampton County Emergency Management since 1998, serving first under the direction of Thomas Watson; and

Whereas, when the award was announced, Ms. Peeples dedicated her award in memory of a late coworker, Gidget Stanley, and thanked all the people who support her in her role: her family; her coworkers; her administrator, Rose Dobson‑Elliott; the members of the Hampton County Council; and her regional managers Rocky Tucker and Eric Turner; and

Whereas, devoted to her community, she remains active in church and social life in Hampton County and volunteers on the Hampton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Ms. Peeples’ commitment to her work and to her neighbors has been recognized with many community and professional awards. She was recently celebrated as a “Hometown Hero” by WTOC, a television station based in Savannah, Georgia, and in 2019, she was named Citizen of the Year by the Hampton County Rotary Club; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to commend Susanne Peeples for her outstanding contributions to her community as the director of the Hampton County Emergency Management Division. 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 honor Susanne Peeples, Hampton County Emergency Management Division Director, for her outstanding service to her community and congratulate her upon being named Emergency Management Division Director of the Year in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Susanne Peeples.

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