**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOY SCHARICH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATIONS & ELECTIONS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in its deliberations to express gratitude to Joy Scharich for her significant contributions to the Oconee County Board of Registrations & Elections as she begins a well‑deserved retirement on June 28, 2021; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Ms. Scharich has been active in the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials and has overseen the introduction of numerous voting systems. Under her leadership, Oconee County has created a reputation for being the first on every election night: to have results reported, to have completed results, and to have audited and accurate results; and

Whereas, respected among her peers, she is often called upon by other election officials and State Election Commission employees for guidance; and

Whereas, even though all county offices were closed during the COVID‑19 pandemic, Ms. Scharich never missed a day in the office. As procedures changed and rules were altered during this difficult period, she never wavered in keeping the polls open while exposing herself to nearly a thousand absentee voters daily. Her genuine reverence for the office and loyalty to the voters of Oconee County have never been on greater display than during that time of unprecedented challenges; and

Whereas, a celebration of her retirement on June 25, 2021, will honor this daughter of South Carolina who has consistently understood the need to follow the Rule of Law while ignoring partisan politics, thereby bringing dignity and integrity to her position as executive director and to the office of Oconee County Registrations & Elections; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of distinguished service to the Oconee County Board of Registrations & Elections, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in extending best wishes to Joy Scharich as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the unhurried pace of the days ahead. 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 Joy Scharich, executive director of Oconee County Board of Registrations & Elections, upon the occasion of her retirement after more than twenty years of outstanding and faithful service, 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 Joy Scharich.

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