

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MILLICENT
MACFARLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HER
RETIREMENT AS CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS, We, the Members of the 125th Legislature, take this opportunity to recognize the longtime service of Millicent MacFarland, known as Millie, who served the Maine House of Representatives as a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland was born in Augusta, Maine and received her early education in Whitefield schools, graduated from Erskine Academy in South China in 1974 and attended Thomas College and the University of Maine at Augusta, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland served the Maine House of Representatives in various capacities for over 30 years, including 8 years as Assistant Clerk of the House and service in the distinguished position of Clerk of the House from December 2000 to December 2010; and

WHEREAS, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, Ms. MacFarland worked closely with the Speaker of the House on issues of parliamentary procedure and administrative matters ranging from scheduling to personnel policies of House employees and oversaw the daily operations and workflow of the House under the direction of the Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, among her many professional contributions, on the national level Ms. MacFarland was elected by her peers to serve in every leadership post of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, including as President in 2009, and in 1995 she became the first editor of the Journal of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, a publication that discusses topics such as parliamentary procedures, management and technology in state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland is a member of the Mason's Manual Commission, which is a 20-member commission entrusted with the copyright of the premier guide on legislative procedure used by legislatures in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland received the Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures for her dedicated and excellent service to the Maine Legislature in 1996, the first year the award was granted; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2002, Ms. MacFarland served as either permanent secretary or parliamentarian for the Maine Democratic Party State Convention and she has been very active in and supportive of the Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Committee and the Joseph W. Mayo ALS Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ms. MacFarland's tenure she has displayed unfailing professionalism and has exemplified the integrity and sacrifice of one dedicated to public service, contributing her impressive expertise and commitment to the Maine State Legislature and to the State of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to send our appreciation to Millicent MacFarland for her many years of exemplary and loyal service to the Maine State Legislature and the State of Maine, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Millicent MacFarland with the appreciation of the people of the State of Maine.