

**A RESOLUTION**

**TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HONOR FORMER COUNCILWOMAN LOTTIE BEAL GIBSON BY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 25 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY IN HER MEMORY.**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lottie Beal Gibson was born in Seneca, South Carolina in 1930 to the late Joseph A. Beal, Sr. and Pauline Harrison Beal; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson attended Sterling High School and was the first of three siblings to go to college. She attended West Virginia State University before returning back home to teach at Sterling High School in Greenville County and she continued her career in education including serving at Greenville Technical College for over 30 years where she impacted the lives of thousands of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson was known as a pioneer and outspoken social activist for Greenville's poor and disenfranchised by working diligently with civic and educational organizations on the local, state, and national levels to promote economic and social equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson was recognized by her peers and community through serving as the chairperson of the Board of Directors of Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc., a Life Member of the NAACP, a founding member of the Democratic Women of Greenville County, a councilmember of the South Carolina Council of Educational Opportunity Program, and an active participant with the United Way of Greenville County Community Planning Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson faithfully served District 25 in Greenville County for over 24 years as a County Council Member, and a symbol of her legacy in the Greenville County community can be seen in the county wide recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**WHEREAS**, the Phoenix Center, formed for the treatment and care of those seeking to overcome dependency issues, named the Lottie Beal Gibson Center of Excellence in her honor because of her unwavering advocacy efforts for those striving towards freedom from addiction and substance use; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson was a cherished family member as a mother of four, grandmother of ten, and great grandmother of three and acted selflessly by serving her community as a retired educator, County Council Member, and civic organizer, and known and respected for her perseverance, courage, and unwavering commitment to helping the people of Greenville County and the State of South Carolina.

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gibson departed this life on December 18, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to honor Councilwoman Lottie B. Gibson by naming a portion of U.S. Highway 25 in Greenville County in her memory.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Greenville County Council hereby requests that the State of South Carolina and the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission consider naming the portion of U.S. Highway 25 from I-85 to Grove Road in Greenville County “Councilwoman Lottie B. Gibson Memorial Highway” as a lasting tribute to her memory.

**ADOPTED IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
County Council

**ATTEST:**

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator