

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
HONORING THE LIFE OF MARTHA C. EDENS**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, the Republican Party lost a beloved leader in South Carolina's former National Committeewoman Martha C. Edens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens was born in Richland County and was the daughter of the late James Drake Edens Sr. and May Florence Youmans Edens. She graduated from Dreher High School, attended Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. and graduated from the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens lived a well-spent life of love, dedication and generosity. In addition to being a loving, caring mother to her two children, she accomplished more in her life than most people even dream of. Mrs. Edens was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 1995 by Governor Carroll A. Campbell; and

WHEREAS, locally, Mrs. Edens served the Richland County Republican Party as Party Chairman, Finance Chairman and Precinct Committeeman. She served as Vice Chairman of the First Tuesday Republican Club. She was a member of the Richland County Ivory Club, the Richland County Republican Women's Club and was a governor's mansion docent; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens served as Treasurer of the South Carolina Republican Party. A longtime member of the Capitol 100 Foundation, Mrs. Edens served two terms as South Carolina's National Committeewoman on the Republican National Committee, where she became known as one of the most outstanding National Committeewomen in the nation; and

WHEREAS, as National Committeewoman, Mrs. Edens served on the Rules Committee of the RNC, was elected Vice Chairman of the Southern Region and served on the Chairman's Executive Committee, having served four years in each of those positions. In 1992, Mrs. Edens served, along with Honorary Chairman Carroll A. Campbell, as Chairman of the Southern Republican Conference.

WHEREAS, elected to serve as one of eight members of the Site Selection Committee for the 1996 Republican National Convention, Mrs. Edens also served on the Committee on Arrangements for the San Diego convention. On the state level, Mrs. Edens had the honor of serving on the South Carolina Election Commission.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens, along with her brother James Drake Edens, Jr., were pioneers in the South Carolina Republican Party; and she gave freely of her time of service to the citizens of South Carolina and the nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Mrs. Martha C. Edens, that we lift up her family with prayer and our heartfelt gratitude, and that the South Carolina Republican Party establish an award given annually in her memory.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 9, 2015