**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

CONGRATULATING THE SALUDA RIVER CLUB ON RECEIVING THE BALA AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, for twenty-six years, the National Association of Home Builders *Professional Builder* magazine and the NAHB Design Committee have hosted the housing industry’s most esteemed design competition: the Best in American Living Awards, known as BALA; and

Whereas, for only the second time in the history of the awards, a South Carolina community, Lexington’s and the Midland’s Saluda River Club, a Lifestone Communities development, has been recognized with a BALA; and

Whereas, BALA winners are judged on market success, as well as design excellence. They serve, according to NAHB, “as the ultimate barometer for what Americans are looking for in homes of all sizes, types, and price ranges”; and

Whereas, a total of sixty-seven winners in thirty-seven categories were selected in the 2009 BALA competition. Winners are recognized for development concept, site plan, quality of public spaces, special environmental features, and curb appeal; and

Whereas, Saluda River Club encompasses 235 acres along a mile of the Saluda River, blending diverse homestyles and neighborhoods with an incomparable Midlands setting. Riverfront homesites complement but never compete with the natural beauty that has made Lexington one of the most desirable communities in the country; and

Whereas, residents take full advantage of the Saluda River, one of the state’s most treasured natural resources, enjoying exceptional views, hiking the local footpaths, and participating in kayak adventures organized by the onsite Chickawa Outdoor Center; and

Whereas, developers Walter Taylor, Bill Theus, and Andy White have created an innovative residential development with a distinctive Low Country flavor, and now their design has been recognized as among the finest in the U.S.; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to recognize this exceptional award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the Saluda River Club on receiving the BALA Award from the National Home Builders Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Saluda River Club.

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