**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MATHIS PLUMBING & HEATING COMPANY INC. OF GREENWOOD FOR BEING NAMED THE 2009 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) JEFF BUTLAND FAMILY‑OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR BOTH SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE EIGHT‑STATE SOUTHEAST REGION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc. of Greenwood has been named the 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeff Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for both South Carolina and the eight‑state Southeast region; and

Whereas, founded in 1952, Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc. spans three generations and more than five decades in ownership by the same family. In 2005, Mathis Plumbing acquired another family‑owned business, Benjamin’s Heating & Cooling, and expanded its services, becoming Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc. Mathis continues to be the most‑requested company for plumbing and HVAC installation in the Greenwood area; and

Whereas, Mathis employs thirty‑nine individuals, including co‑owners Jimmy and Wayne Mathis, their sister Jean Ann, and Jimmy and Wayne’s two respective sons; and

Whereas, in addition to numerous community and charity efforts outside the business sphere, Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc. is involved in Partnership Alliance, Greenwood’s economic‑development arm, and is a twenty‑five‑year member of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, despite the economic downturn, Mathis continues to maintain consistent increases in sales and profits, proving its long‑term viability; and

Whereas, recognizing the excellence of Mathis’ example to other small‑business entrepreneurs, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc. for winning the prestigious SBA Butland award for 2009 and wishes the company every future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc., of Greenwood for being named the 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeff Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for both South Carolina and the eight‑state Southeast region.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mathis Plumbing & Heating Company Inc.

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