**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WORK OF THE CANNON STREET YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE STAFF AND MEMBERS FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the Cannon Street Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) has given devoted service to the Charleston community for more than one hundred forty‑five years; and

Whereas, the oldest continuously chartered Heritage YMCA in the United States, the Cannon Street YMCA has provided academic, community‑based, and sporting programs throughout its long history, including the famous 1955 Cannon Street YMCA All Stars Little League; and

Whereas, as the nation’s leading nonprofit organization, the YMCA is committed to helping people and communities through both far‑reaching and intimate contributions that influence our nation’s culture during times of profound social change and that still provide specific support to individuals in need; and

Whereas, the goal of the YMCA is to strengthen communities by working side by side with members of the community to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive: and

Whereas, in 2005, leaders of the Cannon Street YMCA and the George Street YMCA merged to create the YMCA of Greater Charleston, and this merged group continues to offer much‑needed educational, athletic, and recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the meaningful contribution that the Cannon Street YMCA has made to the Charleston community and for the significant impact it has made on the lives of countless citizens in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the work of the Cannon Street Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) in Charleston County, and congratulate the staff and members for one hundred forty‑five years of outstanding service to their community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Cannon Street Young Men’s Christian Association.

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