**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SANDRA AULL ANDERSON, OWNER AND BROKER‑IN‑CHARGE OF A‑Z REALTY IN GREENWOOD, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR RECEIVING THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Sandra Aull Anderson will receive the United States Small Business Administration Minority Small Business Champion Award for South Carolina on May 4, 2011; and

Whereas, born in Greenwood, Sandra Anderson graduated from Greenwood High School and attended Benedict College before receiving a bachelor’s degree in sociology at Lander College in 1976; and

Whereas, in 1974, she married her high‑school sweetheart, and, after she earned her college degree and he completed his military service, the Andersons combined Sandra’s talent for floral designing with their desire to have their own business and opened their own flower shop; and

Whereas, seven years later, when the building that housed Sandra’s business was sold, she went to work as a postal carrier and remained there successfully for sixteen years until she felt a strong desire to again have her own business; and

Whereas, she attended Piedmont Technical College at night to take the real estate course to become a licensed realtor. After obtaining her license and having a very successful two years as a part time agent, Sandra left the post office and opened her own company, A‑Z Realty;

Whereas, in spite of her plans to be her company’s only agent, her business grew so rapidly that, with the help of the Greenwood office of the Small Business Administration, she designed a business plan envisioning five agents that has now grown to eight; and

Whereas, the United States Small Business Administration was created in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect small businesses, to preserve free, competitive enterprise, and to maintain and strengthen the nation’s economy. The Small Business Association annually presents the Minority Small Business Champion award to an individual in each state who has supported and assisted small minority‑owned businesses through outstanding efforts; and

Whereas, Sandra’s selection as the South Carolina Minority Small Business Champion is testimony to her selfless dedication and tireless efforts to promote minority entrepreneurship. Her strong advocacy has encouraged the development and ongoing viability of many minority‑owned businesses, especially those related to the housing industry, such as building contractors, electricians, home inspectors, plumbers, insurance agents, pest‑control companies, and attorneys; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly celebrate the success and recognition of Sandra Aull Anderson and wish her continued fulfillment as one of our state’s leading small business entrepreneurs. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sandra Aull Anderson, owner and broker‑in‑charge of A‑Z Realty in Greenwood, and congratulate her for receiving the South Carolina 2011 Minority Small Business Champion Award from the United States Small Business Administration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sandra Aull Anderson.

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