**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NORMAN FRANCIS SCHAEFER FOR FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were pleased to learn that Norman Francis “Norm” Schaefer will be presented the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in Scouting from the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) on Saturday, June 28, 2014; and

Whereas, after young Norm Schaefer passed the rigorous requirements for and earned an Eagle Scout award in 1955, he spent forty years as a professional in the Boy Scouts of America, retiring in 2009; and

Whereas, in Virginia, he served as the program director for the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, and then he served for twenty‑one years on the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America in Charlotte, North Carolina, first as the customer service manager at the distribution center and then as the center’s territorial sales manager; and

Whereas, Mr. Schaefer founded the Palmetto Council Scouting Museum in Spartanburg, largely from his personal collection, and since its founding, he has served as its curator; and

Whereas, he serves as the leader of Boy Scout Troop 832 and Cub Scout Pack 832 at Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Fort Mill; he also serves on the Regional Camp Inspection Team, ensuring that camps in the region meet the national standards, and on the Palmetto Council’s Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

Whereas, from his youth, Norm Schaefer has spent a total of seventy years as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America, and for his significant contributions, the Palmetto Council bestowed on him the esteemed Silver Beaver Medal; and

Whereas, he was honored with the God and Church Medal, the highest honor for youth service presented by the United Methodist Church, and the Saint George Emblem, the highest award from the Catholic Church for youth service; and

Whereas, deeply committed to his community, Mr. Schaefer served on the Congressional Screening Committee, interviewing candidates in Virginia for the United States service academies, and he currently serves as a Red Cross volunteer and as a volunteer at the USO at the Charlotte airport center; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the significant contributions that Norm Schaefer has made to Scouting in the Palmetto State, and the members celebrate with him his inclusion into the elite circle of recipients of the NESA’s Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Norman Francis Schaefer for forty years of outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of America and congratulate him upon receiving the prestigious Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Norman Francis “Norm” Schaefer.

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