**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF AIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR ANNUAL WEEKLONG FUNDRAISING DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF PALMETTO HEALTH CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL’S CAMP KEMO.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that for the tenth year Airport High School’s students and staff have conducted a successful fundraising drive to benefit Camp Kemo, a summer program held under the auspices of Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital that serves young cancer patients and their siblings; and

Whereas, from March 15‑24, 2013, students took part in a myriad of fundraising activities planned by student officers. Members of student government and other school organizations sold baked goods all week in the morning and at lunch. Other activities included eating contests, dance contests, sports tournaments, talent shows, and teacher silent auctions. In addition, students could donate money for the privilege of being locked in a mock jail during school hours; and

Whereas, Airport also offered events to encourage the community to get involved in the weeklong fundraiser in any way possible, including simply sending in a check or cash to the school. During both Sundays of the fundraiser, students from each grade level competed to see who could raise the highest amount of money by washing cars at various locations in West Columbia, such as Hardee’s, Sonic, and Advance Auto Parts. On March 23, Airport High School hosted a yard sale, and on the following day an afternoon family “fun run” was enjoyed by all; and

Whereas, the fundraising event that brought the biggest smiles was undoubtedly the “farming out” of baby goats. During the week, participants paid ten dollars to send a baby goat to a business or residence in Columbia, and until the recipients paid ten dollars to send the goat elsewhere, they had to care for it. In previous years, goats have traveled to the State House, local television stations, lawyers’ offices, and banks around Columbia; and

Whereas, last year, Airport students raised forty thousand dollars for Camp Kemo, which is free for all attending children. This year’s proceeds, when totaled, will be donated in honor of Jeanne Schmidt, former Camp Kemo director, who passed away last September; and

Whereas, grateful for the compassionate hearts of the school’s students and staff, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Airport High School for the hard work it has poured into supporting this worthy endeavor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the students and staff of Airport High School for their annual weeklong fundraising drive in support of Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital’s Camp Kemo.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Frank Jovanelly of Airport High School.

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