**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HEATHER BARNHART, DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL CITY DANCE AND FITNESS AND THE CAPITAL CITY CLOGGERS, FOR HER ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER IN CLOGGING AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING THE 2013 OPRY FEMALE AWARD AT THE 2013 AMERICA’S CLOGGING HALL OF FAME WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Whereas, after decades of preparation, training, and dedication, Heather Barnhart, director of Capital City Dance and Fitness and the Capital City Cloggers, proved herself to be one of the world’s most talented and elite cloggers; and

Whereas, clogging from the time she was only two years old, Heather Barnhart became a member of the Bailey Mountain Cloggers, the elite clogging team from Mars Hill College in North Carolina; and

Whereas, she helped the Bailey Mountain Cloggers dance their way to their thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth consecutive national titles; and

Whereas, Ms. Barnhart has taken her love and passion for clogging across the globe in competitions such as the Ulster American Folk Park Bluegrass Festival in Ireland; Mossy Creek, Georgia, for the Family Festival; the National Jigging Competition at the Asham Stomper Festival in Canada; the Okra Strut in Irmo; and other festivals throughout the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, each year America’s Clogging Hall of Fame names individuals to the All‑American Clogging team; and

Whereas, Heather Barnhart was named to the 2000 All‑American Clogging team; and

Whereas, each decade the America’s Clogging Hall of Fame names individuals to the Team of the Decade; and

Whereas, Heather Barnhart was named to the 2000‑2009 Team of the Decade; and

Whereas, each year the America’s Clogging Hall of Fame World Championships names only one female grand champion solo winner, and that honoree earns the opportunity to dance on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, and claims the title of “Opry Female Award Winner”; and

Whereas, after performing an energetic, entertaining, and innovative solo routine, Heather Barnhart was named the 2013 Opry Female Award Winner; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the outstanding work of Heather Barnhart in continuing, teaching, and enjoying traditional forms of dance, such as clogging, so important to South Carolina’s heritage and the heritage of the southeastern United States of America. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Heather Barnhart, director of Capital City Dance and Fitness and the Capital City Cloggers, for her illustrious career in clogging and congratulate her for winning the 2013 Opry Female Award.

Be it further resolved that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly wish for and expect from Ms. Barnhart an outstanding performance during her Grand Ole Opry appearance on April 5, 2014.

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