**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF AIKEN FOR ITS FINE WORK TOWARD IMPROVING THE READING SKILLS OF AIKEN’S STUDENTS AND TO DECLARE MAY 19, 2014, AS “ROTARY READER RECOGNITION DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn of the outstanding work done by the Rotary Club of Aiken to increase the reading proficiency of local students; and

Whereas, the *Year 2020 Vision* of the Education Oversight Committee for the State of South Carolina states, “By 2020, all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society, and contribute positively as members of families and communities”; and

Whereas, it is recognized that basic reading proficiency is fundamental to the achievement of that vision; and

Whereas, assessments of reading proficiency at the elementary school level in South Carolina consistently have shown a need to improve students’ reading ability; and

Whereas, in recognition of this important community need and in cooperation with the local school district, the Rotary Club of Aiken has instituted a Rotary Reader program that has shown positive results in meeting this need. 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, express their gratitude to the Rotary Club of Aiken for its fine work toward improving the reading skills of Aiken’s students and declare May 19, 2014, as “Rotary Reader Recognition Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Rotary Club of Aiken.

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