**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND NOAH BALLENGER FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN COLLECTING COATS AND BLANKETS ON BEHALF OF THOSE IN NEED IN THE SPARTANBURG AREA.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn of the successful efforts of Noah Ballenger, a freshman at Spartanburg Day School (SDS), to help those in the Spartanburg community who need assistance during winter months which can be severe for those in need; and

Whereas, Noah became acutely aware of the critical need for warm clothing for those less fortunate in his community when he helped his sister, a 2011 graduate of SDS, to collect coats for a coat drive when she was a student at SDS; and

Whereas, with a goal of helping local needy families, he received permission to place labeled boxes in the wings of the lower, middle, and upper schools at SDS in October of 2013 for the purpose of collecting donated new and used coats, jackets, and blankets for those in need of them; and

Whereas, the day before Thanksgiving Day, Noah delivered over two hundred thirty coats that had been donated by his SDS schoolmates and faculty members; and

Whereas, he has collected more than five hundred coats over the last few years with the help of his older sister, Hudson, and his mother, who teaches 4K at SDS, and the coats have been distributed to nonprofit organizations, such as The Haven, the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen, and Total Ministries; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the work of Noah Ballenger to alleviate one of the many issues that plague citizens of the Palmetto State who have been impacted by poverty and recognizes the fine example he sets for all South Carolinians with his compassionate efforts. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend Noah Ballenger for his exceptional service in collecting coats and blankets on behalf of those in need in the Spartanburg area.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Noah Ballenger.

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