**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAMUEL “SAM” FRANCIS CUSICK HAZELTINE AND TO DECLARE FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015, AS “SAMUEL ‘SAM’ FRANCIS CUSICK HAZELTINE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Samuel “Sam” Francis Cusick Hazeltine was born to the loving family of parents, Mr. David Hazeltine and Mrs. Catherine Cusick, and sister, Miss Elizabeth Hazeltine; and

Whereas, when he was born, nobody thought a child with Down Syndrome would ever be able to attend college; and

Whereas, Sam Hazeltine has never allowed his disability to hinder the pursuit and achievement of his goals; and

Whereas, he has always been an inspiration as a son, brother, cousin, neighbor, teammate, and friend; and

Whereas, Sam Hazeltine has excelled in the classroom and in extracurricular activities throughout his schooling years, particularly in sailing, swimming, and basketball; and

Whereas, he graduated from Bishop England High School before entering the Realizing Educational and Career Hopes (REACH) Program at the College of Charleston; and

Whereas, through the REACH Program at the College of Charleston, Sam Hazeltine took academic classes with traditional students; received career counseling; held internships and got on‑the‑job training; learned independent living skills, such as basic cooking and money management; and learned more about how to function socially among his peers; and

Whereas, Sam Hazeltine was the first recipient of the George Ramsay Scholarship, established by Mariana and David Hay in honor of George Ramsay and offered to a young man from Charleston County with Down Syndrome who attends the College of Charleston; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives congratulates Sam Hazeltine as he graduates from the College of Charleston on Friday, May 15, 2015, and the members expect to hear of his continued accomplishments in the days ahead as he moves back to his hometown of James Island and begins work with GEN Move USA. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina State House of Representatives, by this resolution, acknowledge the extraordinary achievements of Samuel “Sam” Francis Cusick Hazeltine and declare Friday, May 15, 2015, as “Samuel ‘Sam’ Francis Cusick Hazeltine Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Samuel “Sam” Francis Cusick Hazeltine.

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