**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE *THE POST AND COURIER* NEWSPAPER OF CHARLESTON ON WINNING THE 2015 PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR WORK TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Whereas, *The Post and Courier* won the nation’s most prestigious journalism award, the Pulitzer gold medal for meritorious public service. Their winning series was entitled “Till Death Do Us Part”; and

Whereas, Doug Pardue, Glenn Smith, Jennifer Berry Hawes, and Natalie Caula Hauff authored the five‑story series, which told the stories of domestic violence survivors; and

Whereas, reporters at *The Post and Courier* became interested in the issue of domestic violence in September 2013, when the Violence Policy Center ranked South Carolina number one in the nation for the number of women killed by men. The team working on the project began investigating the legal, political, cultural, and economic factors that fueled the problem; and

Whereas, this is *The Post and Courier’s* first Pulitzer Prize award since 1925, when the newspaper won the Editorial Writing award for a story entitled “Plight of the South”. *The Post and Courier*, with an 85,000 circulation, edged out the other, much larger, finalists, *The Boston Globe* and *The Wall Street Journal*, to win the award; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate find it fitting and proper to honor the outstanding work of the reporters at *The Post and Courier*. Their work has brought awareness to the issue of domestic violence and facilitated change to prevent the occurrence of domestic violence in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and congratulate *The Post and Courier* newspaper on winning the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mike Pugh, Executive Editor of *The Post and Courier*.

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