**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND APPLAUD THE CONNIE MAXWELL CHILDREN’S HOME FOR THEIR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO THE WELL‑BEING OF CHILDREN IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, in 1890, the Baptist State convention meeting in Union agreed to establish an orphanage in the State and appointed a committee with full power to act on all matters concerning this establishment; and

Whereas, Constance Pope Maxwell was born September 18, 1875, and tragically died of scarlet fever on April 28, 1882, at six years of age. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, searched for a fitting way to memorialize her; and

Whereas, in 1891, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell heard about the convention’s plans for an orphanage and offered them their four hundred seventy acre farm in Greenwood on the condition that the orphanage be named in honor of their daughter Connie; and

Whereas, Connie Maxwell Children’s Orphanage accepted the first child, Susie Burton, on May 22, 1892, along with six other children on this date; and

Whereas, in 1946 the name was changed to Connie Maxwell Children’s Home to better reflect the broad range of family backgrounds the children were coming from; and

Whereas, today, the ministry serves children and their families through a variety of programs, all aimed at creating stable families and helping children thrive; and

Whereas, its children, staff, and trustees have represented all parts of our great State; and

Whereas, in addition to its headquarters in Greenwood, Connie Maxwell Children’s Home has expanded its reach across South Carolina to include campus locations in Mauldin, Chesterfield, Florence, and Orangeburg; and

Whereas, Connie Maxwell Children’s Home will celebrate one hundred twenty‑five years of ministry on May 22, 2017, having provided a loving home and Christian care to more than seventeen thousand children across the great State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor and applaud the Connie Maxwell Children’s Home for their one hundred twenty‑five years of commitment to the well‑being of children in the Palmetto State

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Connie Maxwell Children’s Home.

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