**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE S.W.A.T.A. (SPIRITUAL WOMEN AWAKENING TO AUTHORITY) ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE ORGANIZATION’S FOUNDER, DR. MARCIA L. BAILEY.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that S.W.A.T.A., or Spiritual Women Awakening to Authority, is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2017: and

Whereas, founded by Dr. Marcia L. Bailey, co‑pastor and co‑founder of Right Direction Christian Center, S.W.A.T.A. ministers under a worthy mission statement: to be used by God to encourage women to be their authentic selves by creating an atmosphere of unconditional love and acceptance through support, celebration, and sisterhood and to empower and inspire women to strive toward their dreams, believe in themselves, and live in hope for tomorrow; and

Whereas, as S.W.A.T.A. celebrates its founding with the theme of “10 Years of Sisterhood,” the members recall the days of the group’s formation. S.W.A.T.A. was birthed during a strategy session in preparation for the 2007 Women’s Conference. The ladies present at the strategy session felt strongly that they should dub their women’s conference S.W.A.T.A. Then, as God orchestrated something so much bigger than their plans, they quickly began to notice that every time they came together desiring to make a difference in the lives of women, God would visit them, creating a strong bond of sisterhood; and

Whereas, S.W.A.T.A. members are women who have made a decision to identify with their spiritual nature first, enabling them progressively to awaken to their authority, abilities, and anointing through Christ; and

Whereas, S.W.A.T.A. has established programs and outreach opportunities that enhance the lives of women, such as My Sister’s Closet, where women seeking employment can strengthen their interviewing skills, tweak their resumes, and find a few outfits for the workplace. When a woman comes into My Sister’s Closet, she is greeted with warm smiles, soft music, and a personal shopper who will help find the right outfits, with accessories, as well as provide a boost of confidence to carry into interviews; and

Whereas, the S.W.A.T.A. spiritual gifts class teaches women to discover their God‑given gifts and how to use them in their lives, and at House of S.W.A.T.A., women share their talents with each other in a celebratory atmosphere with countless events and activities at which women can just be women; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting S.W.A.T.A. and Dr. Bailey on the organization’s tenth anniversary and extends best wishes for much continued success in the days to come. 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, congratulate S.W.A.T.A. (Spiritual Women Awakening to Authority) on the occasion of its tenth anniversary and honor the organization’s founder, Dr. Marcia L. Bailey.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to S.W.A.T.A.

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