**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE STEVE BAILEY OF MERUS REFRESHMENT SERVICES, INC., ON BEING NAMED 2009 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Steve Bailey of Merus Refreshment Services, Inc., has been named the 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Person of the Year for South Carolina and will represent the Palmetto State at the 2009 Small Business Person of the Year competition May 17‑19 in Washington, D.C., as part of National Small Business Week; and

Whereas, principal owner of the company, Steve Bailey founded Merus Refreshment Services, Inc., eleven years ago and presently serves as its chief executive officer and board chairman; and

Whereas, based in Greenville and Greer, the firm is now the State’s leading provider of point‑of‑use drinking‑water systems and the largest South Carolina‑based provider of office coffee services. The company has expanded to include twenty‑six employees and three locations in the Carolinas; and

Whereas, under Steve Bailey’s leadership, Merus has continued to thrive and expand, despite the slumping economy; and

Whereas, grateful to the people who support his business, Steve Bailey significantly “gives back” by serving as a member of the Clemson University Small Business Development Center Advisory Board and as chairman of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, recognizing the excellence of his example, takes great pleasure in honoring Mr. Bailey for winning the prestigious 2009 SBA Small Business Person of the Year award for South Carolina and wishes him every future success. 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 Steve Bailey of Merus Refreshment Services, Inc., on being named 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Person of the Year for South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Steve Bailey.

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