**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TAMIKA FELDER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN SPREADING AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF CERVICAL CANCER, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE SUCCESS OF HER NONPROFIT, TAMIKA & FRIENDS, INC., AND TO WISH HER ALL THE BEST IN THE COMING YEARS.

Whereas, it is with great pride that the members of the House of Representatives pause in their deliberations to praise those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to benefit the health and wellbeing of others; and

Whereas, Tamika Felder certainly deserves such appreciation, as she has devoted her time, talents, and resources to spreading awareness of cervical cancer as a cancer survivor, herself; and

Whereas, a Summerville High School and Claflin College graduate, Tamika learned she had cervical cancer at the age of twenty‑five; and

Whereas, after undergoing an invasive surgery and grueling radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Tamika was declared a cervical cancer survivor; and

Whereas, determined to help others in their own fight and to educate her community on the disease, she created a national nonprofit called Tamika & Friends, Inc., in 2005; and

Whereas, dedicated to raising awareness about cervical cancer and its link to human pampillomavirus, Tamika & Friends, Inc. is purposed to spread its message that through education, prevention, and treatment, cervical cancer can be entirely eliminated; and

Whereas, believing that creative communication is far more infectious than human pampillomavirus, Tamika and her nonprofit organization provide many hands‑on ways to spread the word to women in all walks of life; and

Whereas, on January 16, 2010, Tamika & Friends, Inc. will host a Walk to Beat the Clock in Summerville in furtherance of its mission to educate the surrounding community on the disease; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are honored to learn of the good work of this exceptional South Carolina daughter, and wish her only the best in her continued fight to eliminate cervical cancer. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Tamika Felder of Dorchester County for her extraordinary efforts in spreading awareness of the prevalence of cervical cancer, congratulate her on the success of her nonprofit, Tamika & Friends, Inc., and wish her all the best in the coming years.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ms. Tamika Felder.

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