**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND ALL THE CITIZENS OF NEWBERRY COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE “RELAY FOR LIFE FOR NEWBERRY COUNTY” TO BE HELD MAY 1‑2, 2009, AND TO DECLARE MAY 1‑2, 2009, AS NEWBERRY COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE WEEKEND.

Whereas, the Relay for Life for Newberry County will be held May 1‑2, 2009, at the Newberry High School athletic stadium on Main Street in Newberry; and

Whereas, this year’s Newberry County Relay for Life will kick off on Friday, May 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. with the opening ceremony and the Cancer Survivors’ Victory Lap and close on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. with a Fight Back ceremony; and

Whereas, through the American Cancer Society, Newberry County Relay for Life has raised funds for cancer research, programs, and college scholarships, with the majority invested in the community through programs such as the Look Good Feel Better, the Road to Recovery, the Best Chance Network, transportation assistance, a stay at the Hope Lodge, a champion scholarship, and other support services; and

Whereas, the Newberry County Relay for Life Committee encourages the community to “Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back” because approximately twenty thousand South Carolinians were diagnosed with cancer in 2008, and almost nine thousand South Carolina citizens died from this disease last year; and

Whereas, every year volunteers commit countless hours of their time to the Newberry County Relay for Life, and survivors and caregivers work tirelessly to raise awareness about cancer. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend all the citizens of Newberry County and the State of South Carolina who are participating in the “Relay for Life for Newberry County” to be held May 1‑2, 2009, and declare May 1‑2, 2009, as Newberry County Relay for Life weekend.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Newberry County Relay for Life Committee.

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