**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE TOM HOSKINS MEMORIAL SPRINT TRIATHLON, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010, IN IRMO, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO ATTEND AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY‑FRIENDLY EVENT.

Whereas, the Tom Hoskins Memorial Sprint Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010, with a starting time of 7:30 a.m. in the rolling hills of Irmo; and

Whereas, the triathlon, part of the Upstate Y Triathlon Series, will offer the triple challenge of a 350 yard pool swim, a 15 mile bike course through Irmo’s largely shaded, smooth hills, and a 3.1 mile out‑and‑back run in the same area, terrain that makes for fast biking and running; and

Whereas, eagerly anticipated by both participants and fans, the event honors Columbia cyclist and graphic artist Tom Hoskins, who used his passion for biking as a means to raise funds for charity but was killed in a 2007 accident while cycling; and

Whereas, proceeds from the sprint triathlon will benefit the YMCA Partners With Youth Campaign, in keeping with the caring, giving spirit of Tom Hoskins; and

Whereas, prizes will be awarded in all USA Triathlon age categories, and as a highlight of the event, a post‑race award celebration will be held at the YMCA Splash Pad; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives commends the Tom Hoskins Memorial Sprint Triathlon organizers for bringing this delightful event to South Carolina and encourages all South Carolinians to patronize and enjoy its offerings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and celebrate the Tom Hoskins Memorial Sprint Triathlon, to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010, in Irmo, and encourage all South Carolinians to attend and enjoy this family‑friendly event.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Tom Hoskins Memorial Sprint Triathlon.

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