**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MATHIS PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR OF GREENWOOD FOR BEING NAMED THE 2009 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) JEFF BUTLAND FAMILY‑OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR BOTH SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE EIGHT‑STATE SOUTHEAST REGION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air of Greenwood has been named the 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeff Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for both South Carolina and the eight‑state Southeast region; and

Whereas, founded in 1952, Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air spans three generations and more than five decades in ownership by the same family. In 2005, Mathis Plumbing acquired another family‑owned business, Benjamin’s Heating & Cooling, and expanded its services, becoming Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air. Mathis continues to be the most‑requested company for plumbing and HVAC installation in the Greenwood area; and

Whereas, Mathis employs thirty‑nine individuals, including co‑owners Jimmy and Wayne Mathis, their sister Jean Ann, and Jimmy and Wayne’s two respective sons; and

Whereas, in addition to numerous community and charity efforts outside the business sphere, Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air is involved in Partnership Alliance, Greenwood’s economic‑development arm, and is a twenty‑five‑year member of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, despite the economic downturn, Mathis continues to maintain consistent increases in sales and profits, proving its long‑term viability; and

Whereas, recognizing the excellence of Mathis’ example to other small‑business entrepreneurs, the Senate takes great pleasure in honoring Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air for winning the prestigious SBA Butland award for 2009 and wishes the company every future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air of Greenwood for being named the 2009 Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeff Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for both South Carolina and the eight‑state Southeast region.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mathis Plumbing, Heating & Air.

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