**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS OF THE INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL’S WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR., SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET ON THEIR DEDICATED EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WHILE RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING SERVICE‑MINDED CITIZENS, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ATTEND THIS NOTEWORTHY EVENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the Three Rivers District of the Indian Waters Council (Boy Scouts of America) will host its 14th Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr., Service Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at West Columbia’s Brookland Banquet and Conference Center; and

Whereas, the event yearly recognizes outstanding citizens who have contributed to improving quality of life for the youth and their families in the Midlands and also serves as a major fundraiser for Three Rivers District; and

Whereas, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

Whereas, the Scout Oath, pledged by all Scouts, says, “On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law,” which in turn says, “A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent”; and

Whereas, the Indian Waters Council, located in Columbia and serving annually over eight thousand youth in the Midlands with the assistance of more than two thousand volunteers, provides quality youth programs designed to strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and promote physical fitness; and

Whereas, comprised of thirty‑four units and five hundred forty boys, the Three Rivers District of the Council serves primarily in Richland County; and

Whereas, this year’s banquet, in recognizing Dr. Whitney M. Young, Jr.’s dream of justice and equality for all, will honor these four outstanding citizens: Calvin Elam, ProVest Wealth Management Group; William “Bick” Halligan, Childs & Halligan, P.A.; Pamela Lackey, AT&T; and Deacon Donald Logan, Cub Scout Pack 1110; and

Whereas, grateful for the fine work done by the Boy Scouts, the Senate takes great pleasure in urging the citizens of South Carolina to attend the 2012 Whitney M. Young, Jr., Service Awards Banquet, and the members extend their sincerest congratulations to those who will be honored at this year’s event. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend the organizers of the Indian Waters Council’s Whitney M. Young, Jr., Service Awards Banquet on their dedicated efforts to support the Boy Scouts of America while recognizing outstanding service‑minded citizens, and encourage the people of South Carolina to attend this noteworthy event.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Indian Waters Council.

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