**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO MR. GENE CLARK OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are deeply grateful for the life of service to the Boy Scouts of America that Gene Clark has given the youth of our great State; and

Whereas, a true veteran of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Clark has been actively involved as a volunteer with the Indian Waters Council for half a century; and

Whereas, in the early 1960s, he joined Troop 397 as assistant scoutmaster. When the troop’s scoutmaster joined the U.S. Army, Mr. Clark stepped into the post of scoutmaster for Troop 397; and

Whereas, during this same decade, he earned the Scoutmaster Key Award and Scoutmaster Training Award and completed the Order of the Arrow Ordeal and the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood; and

Whereas, for many years, his troop attended many summer camps at Camp Barstow near Gaston, and he has assisted a number of young men in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, Mr. Clark has served in a myriad of other positions to benefit Troop and Pack 397, among them charter organization representative, chairman and treasurer, treasurer and merit badge counselor, and local church scouting coordinator for Asbury United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, not one to let his seventy‑five years slow him down, Gene Clark has completed the Frances Asbury Trail with Troop 397; attended Philmont High Adventure Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico, with Troop 397, the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, as a visitor, and Philmont High Adventure Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico, with Troop 397; and completed commissioner basic training, as well as wood badge training; and

Whereas, just recently, he hiked ten miles with Troop 397, and stayed right beside the boys; and

Whereas, Mr. Clark’s commitment to enriching the lives and developing the character and leadership abilities of countless young men has earned him much praise and recognition; and

Whereas, his most recent awards include Capital District Award of Merit, Capital District Volunteer of the Year Award, Vigil Honor from the Order of the Arrow, and the prestigious Silver Beaver Award from Indian Waters Council, the highest recognition bestowed on an adult volunteer for distinguished service within a local council; and

Whereas, in further recognition of his service, he will be honored at a special drop‑in to be held at Asbury United Methodist Church on May 20, 2012, and hosted by Troop and Pack 397; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing individuals who have fostered the youth of this great State and is privileged to join with Mr. Clark’s friends at the Boy Scouts of America in honoring his selfless, generous giving of time and talent to this worthwhile endeavor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express appreciation to Mr. Gene Clark of Richland County for his many years of dedicated service to the Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Gene Clark.

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