**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MR. NEAL WORKMAN AND MR. MARK EGGL FOR THEIR CREATION OF THE FOOTHILLS GALA ORGANIZATION.

Whereas, in 2002, co‑founders Mr. Neal Workman of Trehel Corporation and Mr. Mark Eggl of DP3 Architects founded the Foothills Gala organization in an effort to support local, “grassroots” charities whose needs were not being met by other sources; and

Whereas, they brought together the three Upstate counties of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens in a new and unique partnership. Closely aligned, these three counties share the same environments and challenges; and

Whereas, their vision is to combine the resources of all three counties and to assist those charities whose boundaries often merge and who often serve people from the entire area; and

Whereas, they seek to build a heart for community by raising and contributing funds to benefit selected charities, increasing awareness of selected charities, encouraging volunteerism, and planning and implementing a high quality formal annual event; and

Whereas, each year the Foothills Gala organization holds an event with the generous support of many organizations and individuals in all three counties; and

Whereas, the success of the event is attributed not only to the tremendous support from each county, but also to the dedicated steering committee of many individuals who contribute their talents, time, and resources each year; and

Whereas, over the years the Foothills Gala has raised over $355,000 for charities in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties; and

Whereas, the dedicated board of directors is comprised of three members from each county who review charity applications submitted each year and one charity is chosen from each county to receive the proceeds of the event; and

Whereas, many times the chosen charities may be just beginning their mission and the monetary award given by the Foothills Gala provides the means for completion of their plans, expansion, or even their survival. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Mr. Neal Workman and Mr. Mark Eggl for their creation of the Foothills Gala organization.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Neal Workman and Mr. Mark Eggl.

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