**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND SALUTE THE SIMPSONVILLE ROTARY CLUB ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THIS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF SIMPSONVILLE OVER THE LAST FIVE DECADES.

Whereas, half a century ago, the Simpsonville Rotary Club came into being, the latest birthed in a long line of local Rotary chapters affiliated with Rotary International; and

Whereas, Rotary was organized for the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and for the development of high ethical standards in business and professions, as well as the dignifying of each Rotarian in his occupation as an opportunity to serve society; and

Whereas, Rotary was also founded for the application of the ideal of service by Rotarians to their lives as a whole, their personal, business, and community lives, not simply business, and for the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service; and

Whereas, throughout its history, the Simpsonville Rotary Club has faithfully supported the ideals of Rotary International, exemplifying its motto, “Service Above Self”; and

Whereas, having made a lasting difference in the lives of so many in their communities, longtime Simpsonville Rotarians Clarence Buurman (a former Rotary district governor known as “Mr. Rotary”) and Ralph Hendricks (a former Simpsonville mayor and his club’s only remaining charter member) are especially to be praised for their faithfulness in serving through Rotary over so many years; and

Whereas, for half a century, the club has contributed to the quality of life in the communities it serves. Among the many blessings it has bestowed are the raising of funds for City Park and the provision of scholarships for deserving students; and

Whereas, Simpsonville Rotary is highly deserving of congratulations and sincere best wishes for the years ahead for its continued service to the people of Simpsonville, of which the club is such a vital part. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and salute the Simpsonville Rotary Club on its fiftieth anniversary and commend this outstanding organization for its contributions to the citizens of Simpsonville over the last five decades.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Simpsonville Rotary Club.

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