**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VILLAGE KEEPERS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN HELPING THE STATE’S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS AND FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE IT IS HAVING ON FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Whereas, over five years ago a circle of friends composed of Greenville County women from various professional backgrounds embarked on a mission to significantly impact the Mauldin community in a positive way by helping improve the lives of babies and young children in the community. Born of this vision was Village Keepers, a not-for-profit organization funded entirely by personal donations and dedicated to “Caring Today for Those Who Will Care for Tomorrow”; and

Whereas, Village Keepers provides diapers, formula, blankets, pajamas, and other items to children of families in need to create a safe and healthy environment for the children; and

Whereas, diaper banks sponsored by Village Keepers make a remarkable difference in many lives by collecting, storing, and distributing free diapers to families in need, filling a basic need often unmet by community organizations and food assistance programs. In support of this effort, the Village Keepers Diaper Project annually hosts a Spring fundraising brunch and endeavors with local agencies to identify needy families with babies; and

Whereas, the organization also provides health education sessions that offer hands-on experience and information to help families make healthy lifestyle choices, workshops to educate families on developing parenting skills and to assist children with literacy and developmental milestones, and group and private sessions to help parents identify educational and community resources; and

Whereas, Village Keepers also uses donations it receives to supply emergency-relief agencies, supply nurse-family partnerships, and pay for formula, diapers, and cribs used by children with developmental delays; and

Whereas, the circle of friends who founded and sustain Village Keepers hope their efforts will encourage positive thinking, build confidence, provide various opportunities for families, and empower parents of young children with life skills that they can pass on to their children, the adults of tomorrow. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Village Keepers of Greenville County for its outstanding work in helping the state’s most vulnerable citizens and for the substantial influence it is having on future generations.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Village Keepers.

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