**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO THANK THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE MIDLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Women in Philanthropy is celebrating ten years of carrying out its noble mission; and

Whereas, founded by a group of sixteen businesswomen and community activists in the Columbia area, Women in Philanthropy came into being as the first major women’s philanthropic initiative in the Midlands region of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Women in Philanthropy was established as a giving circle that would also focus on leadership development, education, advocacy, and networking; and

Whereas, the Central Carolina Community Foundation and the United Way of the Midlands played integral roles in supporting this organization; and

Whereas, Women in Philanthropy, in collaboration with the United Way of the Midlands, Central Carolina Community Foundation, and South Carolina Alliance for Women, is part of a national movement of women seeking long‑term solutions to issues facing women and children; and

Whereas, with over four hundred current member/investors, Women in Philanthropy has a threefold mission: to increase the number of women philanthropists, to focus women’s philanthropic investment in community programs that assist women and children, and to develop women leaders who will direct program and policy changes that improve the lives of women and children; and

Whereas, toward the accomplishment of its goals, Women in Philanthropy generously has donated over $600,000 in grants to agencies in the Midlands; and

Whereas, grateful for Women in Philanthropy’s efforts to benefit the citizens of this great State, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the organization for their fine work and tremendously positive impact it has on the women and children in the Midlands. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Women in Philanthropy on the occasion of its tenth anniversary and thank the organization for its distinguished service to the Midlands of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Women in Philanthropy.

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