**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAY SCHWEDLER, SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PRESIDENT AND CEO, FOR HIS EFFORTS IN LEADING SUMTER COUNTY’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE 2012 LOCAL DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS’ ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Sumter County Development Board President and CEO Jay Schwedler was named the 2012 Local Developer of the Year by the South Carolina Economic Developers’ Association (SCEDA) on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at the organization’s annual conference on Hilton Head Island; and

Whereas, the SCEDA chose Jay Schwedler for his efforts in leading Sumter County’s economic development efforts over the past year, including his part in recruiting Continental Tire to the area and for his outstanding work with the Sumter Smarter Growth Initiative; and

Whereas, given annually to local developers in South Carolina who make a significant difference in their community, the Local Developer of the Year award was presented by the SCEDA to Jay Schwedler who has provided outstanding service in his current position for six years; and

Whereas, before his service in Sumter County, he worked with economic development agencies in Florence and Lee counties, as well as Lapeer County, Michigan, and he managed the International Investment Team for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

Whereas, because of his efforts in recruiting Continental Tire, the company plans to open a manufacturing facility in Sumter County, an investment of $534 million in the plant, which should eventually create more than one thousand six hundred jobs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Commerce cited one thousand six hundred thirty jobs that were recruited to Sumter County in 2011, compared to eight hundred thirty‑seven jobs for the years from 2006 to 2010; and

Whereas, in January of last year, Au’Some Candies also announced a six million dollar investment in a new candy‑manufacturing location in Sumter County that is expected to yield one hundred twenty jobs over the next five years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the economic impact that Jay Schwedler has made on Sumter County and the State of South Carolina and for the significant role he has had on the lives of the citizens of his community. 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 Jay Schwedler, Sumter County Development Board President and CEO, for his efforts in leading Sumter County’s economic development efforts over the past year, and congratulate him on being named the 2012 Local Developer of the Year by the South Carolina Economic Developers’ Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jay Schwedler.

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