**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SEW‑EURODRIVE FOR ITS EXCELLENCE AS A CORPORATE CITIZEN IN JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMPANY ON ITS PLANS TO DIVERSIFY AND EXPAND ITS LYMAN FACILITY.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that SEW‑Eurodrive, which long has proven itself a friend to the Palmetto State in job creation, economic development, and community involvement, plans to diversify and expand its Lyman facility; and

Whereas, as a world leader in drive technology and a pioneer in drive‑based automation, SEW‑Eurodrive has established a reputation for quickly solving the most difficult power‑transmission and motion‑control challenges. The company introduced the gear motor in 1931, and in the more than seventy‑five years since then, it has been producing the best in drive technology; and

Whereas, the company’s Lyman facility opened in 1983, and the location also has been home to its U.S. corporate headquarters since 1987. The complex now includes the U.S. DriveAcademy® training center and a world‑class manufacturing plant. The 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility, which makes the popular K‑Series helical bevel gear reducers, was honored with the 2007 *Plant Engineering Magazine* Top Plant Award for innovation, employee empowerment, and environmental responsibility. The plant has more than doubled its manufacturing capacity over the past seven years to meet growing customer demand; and

Whereas, having found Spartanburg County a positive economic environment with a talented workforce for its operations, SEW‑Eurodrive now plans to invest twenty million dollars to expand its Lyman facility. The expansion is expected initially to create forty jobs to handle a new line featuring industrial gears which are used for heavy‑lifting applications; and

Whereas, as a “company with a heart,” SEW‑Eurodrive goes beyond its fine manufacturing work to benefit the surrounding community. Supported and encouraged by the company’s U.S. operations manager, Christopher Blickle, SEW‑Eurodrive employees serve on the board of Middle Tyger Community Center (MTCC), which provides comprehensive services to the community, including early childhood education, family counseling services, youth development programs, a food pantry, and adult education programs. SEW‑Eurodrive’s employees also assist with MTCC maintenance needs, such as painting, and the company has helped MTCC raise money for services and gifted them with monetary assistance, as well; and

Whereas, grateful for SEW‑Eurodrive’s fine corporate citizenship and longtime commitment to improving quality of life in Spartanburg County, the House of Representatives wishes to express its thanks and wishes the company much success in all its future endeavors. 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 SEW‑Eurodrive for its excellence as a corporate citizen in job creation, economic development, and community involvement, and congratulate the company on its plans to diversify and expand its Lyman facility.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Christopher Blickle for the company.

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