**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SEA HAVEN INC. OF HORRY COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTY‑EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXPRESS THE THANKS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE FOR SEA HAVEN’S OUTSTANDING WORK IN LENDING A HELPING HAND TO AT‑RISK YOUTH.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Sea Haven Inc. of Horry County, which has done such fine work in assisting at‑risk youth, is celebrating the thirty‑eighth anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, the mission of Sea Haven Inc. is to extend a helping hand to youth whose lives may be in disarray. Through positive intervention, staff and supporters seek to promote opportunities for growth, learning, and happiness that might not otherwise be available in the experiences of such children. The organization’s efforts supplement current public‑sponsored programs; and

Whereas, Sea Haven assists its target youth through four services, the Sea Haven Shelter Home for Youth, Sea Haven Transitional Living Program, Project Lighthouse, and Safe Place; and

Whereas, offering short‑term shelter to youth ages thirteen through seventeen, the Sea Haven Shelter is a family‑style household with a structured environment and daily activities for the youth in residence; and

Whereas, the Sea Haven Transitional Living Program provides free opportunities that help youth sixteen through twenty‑one years old prepare for life on their own; and

Whereas, in order to help reduce the daily risks for runaway, homeless, and street youth, Project Lighthouse provides educational, informational, and prevention support. In addition, the program attempts to convince and assist as many such youth as possible to utilize available community services for the purpose of leaving the street for a more productive, safe life. More than two hundred homeless youth each year access this facility, and two hundred local youth participate in runaway‑prevention programs; and

Whereas, Safe Place is a nationally acclaimed youth‑outreach program that involves the whole community in providing safe havens and resources for youth in crisis. The program creates a network of “Safe Place” locations (youth‑friendly businesses, schools, fire stations, libraries, bus stations, and other public buildings) that display the Safe Place sign. These Safe Place locations extend the doors of the youth‑service agency or shelter throughout the community, making it easier for youth to get immediate help in their own neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Sea Haven’s programs offer such services as individual and group guidance sessions; supervised educational and recreational field trips; assistance with kicking bad habits such as smoking, drinking, or using drugs; help with getting a diploma, GED, trade certificate, or college degree; and personal services such as showers, clothing, food, laundry facilities, contact with family, and referrals to local service agencies; and

Whereas, cognizant of Sea Haven’s long‑standing record of excellence in assisting at‑risk youth, the Senate takes great pleasure in adding its tribute to the many encomiums received by this praiseworthy organization, and the members with one voice extend best wishes to Sea Haven for many more productive years of service to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sea Haven Inc. of Horry County on the occasion of its thirty‑eighth anniversary, and express their thanks for Sea Haven’s outstanding work in lending a helping hand to at‑risk youth.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sea Haven Inc.

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