**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE BEAR E PATCH CAFÉ OF CHARLESTON AND COMMEND ITS OWNERS AND STAFF FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, founded in 1999, the Bear E Patch Café has sent its roots down deep into the West Ashley area of Charleston; and

Whereas, after moving to the Charleston area in 1997 to help his brother with the original Bear E Patch Café on James Island, John Hawes decided the West Ashley area would be an excellent location for another Bear E Patch; and

Whereas, with the help of a staff of eight to ten employees, the entire Hawes family works this family‑friendly business. On any given day, John and his wife, Susan; their daughters, Sandra and Sarah; and John and Susan’s son‑in‑law, Joe, smilingly serve customers; and

Whereas, the Bear E Patch Café is noted for its down‑home atmosphere and home‑style cooking, as with its breakfasts, which are served all day. Notably, its pumpkin pancakes have been voted “best in Charleston.” Its menu, however, also extends to lunch and dinner offerings, many of which reflect its coastal location; and

Whereas, the members of the Hawes family believe the success of the Bear E Patch Café may be attributed to their commitment to put God first; and

Whereas, cognizant of the company’s dedication to quality and its service as a community gathering spot with an open‑hearted welcome, the Senate takes pleasure in commending the Bear E Patch Café. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate by this resolution, recognize the Bear E Patch Café of Charleston and commend its owners and staff for their service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bear E Patch Café.

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