**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND HONOR THE ORGANIZATION FOR CONTINUING TO FOSTER STRONGER FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE STATE.

Whereas, it is the custom of the Senate to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across South Carolina are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda. Its mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action; and

Whereas, for more than thirty years the various Habitat for Humanity charters in South Carolina have been helping make neighborhoods and communities in South Carolina safer and more livable; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses with the help of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. Homes are then sold to a qualifying family with Habitat for Humanity arranging for an interest‑free mortgage; and

Whereas, homeowners are selected based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the loan. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive Habitat houses; and

Whereas, volunteerism is an essential element of all societies. It provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

Whereas, it is the sense of this Senate that those organizations and individuals who enhance the well‑being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, recognize the Habitat for Humanity of South Carolina and honor the organization for continuing to foster stronger families and neighborhoods in the State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Habitat for Humanity of South Carolina.

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