**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AND FOR ITS DEDICATION IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY OF GREER.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Greer Commission of Public Works (Greer CPW) will celebrate the milestone of its one hundredth anniversary in 2013; and

Whereas, the mission of Greer CPW is to make optimum use of its human and technical resources in order to provide the best possible water, natural gas, electric, and wastewater services at the least possible cost to the residents of Greer and other customers; and

Whereas, created in a 1913 citywide election, Greer CPW in 1914 began providing electric, water, and wastewater services and in 1957 launched natural gas service. By 2008, Greer CPW was providing service to nearly sixteen thousand electric, nearly twenty thousand gas, more than seventeen thousand water, and about ten thousand wastewater meters; and

Whereas, Greer CPW generated its electric supply until 1927, when it became a power purchaser. In 1985, Greer became a charter member of the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA), which owns 25 percent of Duke Energy’s Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 2. PMPA provides over 96 percent of Greer CPW’s wholesale electric supply; and

Whereas, Greer CPW’s electric unit has 193 miles of overhead and 184 miles of underground 12.470 kV distribution covering 32.9 square miles; and

Whereas, its gas unit is served by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline through a high‑pressure line owned by Greer CPW, along with 46 miles of high‑pressure lines, 710 miles of intermediate and distribution lines, and 139 pressure‑reducing and regulating stations; and

Whereas, Greer CPW’s waterworks unit consists of two raw‑water reservoirs, Lake Cunningham and Lake Robinson. Constructed in 1957, Lake Cunningham covers about 280 surface acres. Lake Robinson, constructed in 1984, has about 800 surface acres. Greer CPW’s 24 MGD water‑treatment plant is located at Lake Cunningham; and

Whereas, Greer CPW’s wastewater unit consists of the 5.0 MGD capacity Maple Creek plant placed in operation in the 1950s but upgraded in 1997, 2000, and 2008. The 2008 upgrade pushed plant capacity to 7.5 MGD, with 10 MGD targeted over the next ten years. Wastewater customers are served through approximately 70 miles of collector mains and outfall lines; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the Greer Commission of Public Works’ one hundred years of excellence in serving the citizens of South Carolina, and the members take great pleasure in saluting the commission for its fine achievements. 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 the Greer Commission of Public Works and congratulate the organization upon the occasion of its centennial anniversary for its dedication in providing services to the community of Greer.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Greer Commission of Public Works.

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