**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 5E FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE FOSTER CHILDREN UNDER ITS SUPERVISION AND TO CONGRATULATE REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS SANDRA INABINET, MARY LONG, LAURIE PARKS, AND HEIDI LOVIT FOR THEIR SELECTION AS THE 2012 REVIEW BOARD OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that Foster Care Review Board 5E has been named the 2012 Review Board of the Year; and

Whereas, the members of Foster Care Review Board 5E include Sandra Inabinet, Mary Long, and Laurie Parks of Kershaw County and Heidi Lovit of Richland County; and

Whereas, all the more noteworthy, the award comes to the board during a time when it has been understaffed due to a vacancy on the board; and

Whereas, this annual award is presented to one of forty‑two Foster Care Review Boards whose members have demonstrated leadership in their community for children in foster care above and beyond routine service on the Review Board; and

Whereas, Review Board 5E works in every practical way as a team so that when the board takes on an issue or a project, each member participates sharing the work equally; and

Whereas, in 2012, Review Board 5E advocated for permanency on individual cases, participated in quarterly partner meetings, established a strong working relationship with the Kershaw County Department of Social Services, provided toiletries to support the Independent Living Program, and arranged for and hosted a Heart Gallery exhibit made of pictures of legally free children in foster care; and

Whereas, the members of Foster Care Review Board 5E exemplify the many ways a cohesive group of committed volunteers can make a meaningful difference in a community and in the lives of children; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives celebrates the significant contributions that the members of Foster Care Review Board 5E have made as they are honored for their exceptional volunteer service at a luncheon on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Foster Care Review Board 5E for its outstanding service to the community and to the foster children under its supervision and congratulate Review Board members Sandra Inabinet, Mary Long, Laurie Parks, and Heidi Lovit for their selection as the 2012 Review Board of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sandra Inabinet, Mary Long, Laurie Parks, and Heidi Lovit.

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