**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE CHRISTIE SAVAGE FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND TO THANK HER FOR HER SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHWOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate has learned that Christie Savage, having served six years with distinction, has stepped down from her post as president of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association in the City of Columbia; and

Whereas, born in Union County, Christie Savage was the oldest of four children. In preparation for a life of service, she graduated from Durham Business College and studied political science at the State University of New York; and

Whereas, Christie has always spoken up for her beliefs and the needs of others. She credits her commitment to the community to the influence of her grandmother, Mary Emma Beaty Ferguson; and

Whereas, in the early days of her career, Christie’s experiences taught her skills that proved invaluable in her later work. Along the way, she worked with a local community‑action program, served as a law assistant, organized tenant groups, worked as a paralegal, and served in numerous other ways; and

Whereas, currently, she serves as program coordinator for the Innovations Health Program of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, a program designed to provide health care in the community and in the home; and

Whereas, Christie’s dedicated labors have not gone unappreciated. During her tenure as president of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association, she was named one of the “Movers and Shakers” by the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods and received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Eau Claire Community Council, along with many other honors; and

Whereas, as president of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association, she was instrumental in dealing with noise and pollution from a neighboring business; securing a traffic light and streetscaping from Fairfield Road and North Main Street; assisting the city with neighborhood cleanups and streetscaping; meeting with city council and the city manager to discuss areas of concern; and developing working relationships with Mayor Bob Coble, Mayor Steve Benjamin, and other Columbia elected officials to ensure the needs of the neighborhood would be met; and

Whereas, Christie currently serves as president of the Eau Claire Community Council, a 501C (3) organization encompassing some forty‑one neighborhoods in the North Columbia area. She also serves on the city’s Citizen Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Christie Savage who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Christie Savage for her outstanding community leadership and thank her for her six years of service as president of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association in the City of Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Christie Savage.

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