**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAKE WATEREE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY AND CONGRATULATE THE ASSOCIATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

Whereas, in 1988, a small group of Lake Wateree property owners in the Fairfield County area recognized the need for close monitoring and civic action to preserve the water quality and the beauty of Lake Wateree; and

Whereas, these private citizens established the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County to provide a productive means of communication among lake property owners, a unified voice to express their interests and needs to public and private agencies, and an effective avenue to consolidate their efforts to protect the lake from environmental damage; and

Whereas, a nonprofit corporation, the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County is governed by a board of directors comprised of twelve neighborhood representatives, one from each of the designated community neighborhoods, with annually elected officers; and

Whereas, the monthly board meetings held throughout the year, which are open to all association members, have been the catalyst for needed community improvements for a quarter of a century; and

Whereas, in December of 1990, Lake Wateree property owners in Kershaw County formed a similar organization named Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Kershaw County with matching goals and purposes; and

Whereas, the Fairfield and Kershaw associations work together with the nationally recognized Lake Wateree Home Owners Association Water Watch Committee, which assesses, monitors, and works to improve the quality of water in the lake by any lawful means available, and the two associations maintain working liaisons with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and Duke Power Company; and

Whereas, although the primary goal of the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County is to protect the lake and its resources, the association sponsors recreational events, including a “Spring Fling” dance, Veterans Day activities, an association member family picnic, a community yard sale, Relay for Life, and a July Fourth fireworks show; and

Whereas, the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County cooperates with recognized leaders in conservation, such as Catawba River Foundation, North American Lake Management Society, Lake and Watershed Association of South Carolina, Bi‑State Catawba River Task Force, Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, Voices and Choices, South Carolina Wildlife Federation, and South Carolina Catawba River Task Force; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the twenty‑five years of commitment of the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County to protecting the beautiful natural resources of Lake Wateree for the enjoyment of citizens and tourists in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognizes and honors the Lake Wateree Home Owners Association of Fairfield County for outstanding accomplishments in the community and congratulates the Association on the celebration of its twenty‑fifth anniversary of distinguished service in Fairfield County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Chairperson Rebecca McSwain for the Association.

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