**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GIRLS ON THE RUN TRI COUNTY OF FORT MILL ON BEING NAMED AN “ANGEL” ON SOUTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE MARK HAMMOND’S 2014 “SCROOGES AND ANGELS” LIST.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Girls on the Run (GOTR) Tri County of Fort Mill has been named a 2014 “Angel” on the “Scrooges and Angels” list annually compiled by South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond; and

Whereas, the Scrooges and Angels list recognized ten South Carolina charitable organizations, including GOTR Tri County, as “Angels” for meeting certain criteria, including strong volunteer programs, minimal grant funding, and the use of eighty percent or more of revenue to fund charitable program services; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Sarah Heins, GOTR program director, the organization spends ninety‑nine percent of its total revenue on program services, the highest percentage of all the Angels on this year’s Scrooges and Angels list; and

Whereas, Girls on the Run operates on a budget some of which comes from registration fees (almost all of which goes back into programming), but it also offers scholarships for girls who want to participate but whose families can’t afford to pay. The money that comes in through fundraisers, grants, and donations also goes into programming; and

Whereas, founded in 1996 in Charlotte, Girls on the Run teaches adolescent and teen girls life skills while stressing self‑esteem and healthy living. The program includes running, and GOTR sponsors races that help bring in revenue, but there are other activities as well. The Tri County chapter, which now has six hundred fifty girls, celebrated its tenth anniversary last spring; and

Whereas, expenses include two paid employees’ salaries, liability insurance, training for coaches, background checks on coaches and other volunteers, t‑shirts, and races. One hundred fifty volunteer coaches helped this season, and dozens of others volunteered in 2014 during races; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the consistent commitment and excellence Girls on the Run Tri County of Fort Mill has demonstrated in its work, takes great pleasure in saluting the organization on being selected to receive this latest honor, a coveted Angel’s berth on South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond’s 2014 “Scrooges and Angels” list. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Girls on the Run Tri County of Fort Mill on being named an “Angel” on South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond’s 2014 “Scrooges and Angels” list.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Girls on the Run Tri County of Fort Mill.

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