**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR ZEMAN’S ELECTRIC OF MARION ON RECEIVING THE 2015 MARION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS AWARD AND TO CONGRATULATE OWNER TEDDY ZEMAN ON THE OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP THAT EARNED ZEMAN’S ELECTRIC THE AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Zeman’s Electric of Marion has been named winner of the 2015 Marion Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award; and

Whereas, created in 2000, the Marion Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award is bestowed on a business that meets these criteria: a successful business record of responsibility toward employees, customers, and community; a high level of respect within the business community for financial performance and service to the community; increased number of employees, sales, or creation of significant business activity; provision of a high level of customer service; and demonstration of innovative and creative business skills; and

Whereas, Zeman’s Electric, which employs not only family members but also other citizens of Marion County, meets all these criteria. Zeman’s has a long history in Marion and is an active member of the Marion Chamber; and

Whereas, present owner Teddy Zeman, a lifelong resident of Marion, goes about his day running his business and consistently proving himself a credit to the business community. The young Teddy began helping his father in his teens and learned the ins and outs of the business, with the younger Zeman no doubt benefiting greatly from his dad’s sage advice over the years; and

Whereas, when the business first started in 1938, it was a one‑man show. Citizens of that day might have spotted the elder Zeman riding around town on his bicycle, which sported a box on the back. The family next ran the business from the home and another downtown location until 1958, when it moved to its present location, a former garment factory; and

Whereas, in the earlier days of Zeman’s Electric, Marion residents knew exactly where to go to buy a refrigerator, stove, or any other appliance. Times changed as they always do, and the business made necessary adjustments in order to change with those times. Teddy Zeman, armed with the vital ability to make the right changes and prosper, in time took over his father’s business. Today, his sons work with him as third‑generation family members, keeping Zeman’s Electric thriving; and

Whereas, recognizing the excellence of the company’s example to other small‑business entrepreneurs, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting Zeman’s Electric for winning the prestigious Marion Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award for 2015 and wishes the company every future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor Zeman’s Electric of Marion on receiving the 2015 Marion Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award and congratulate owner Teddy Zeman on the outstanding entrepreneurship that earned Zeman’s Electric the award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Teddy Zeman.

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