**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA ON CELEBRATING ITS NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014.

Whereas, Katharine Heath Perry founded the Junior League of Columbia in 1924 with the mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

Whereas, with over one thousand five hundred members, the Junior League of Columbia remains the leading volunteer organization for women who want to change the face of our community; and

Whereas, these leaders take time out of their personal lives in order to make Columbia a better place to live and raise a family because they believe working together as trained volunteers will increase the potential for impact in our community; and

Whereas, the impact of ninety years of Junior League voluntarism efforts can be felt throughout the Columbia community. Over the years, the Junior League of Columbia has championed a variety of issues from literacy to childhood health, from arts funding to domestic‑violence awarness, and has founded numerous local non profits, including Sistercare; the Alliance for South Carolina’s Children, known today as Voices for South Carolina’s Children; the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); and the Children’s Trust of South Carolina, programs that successfully serve the Midlands community today; and

Whereas, the Junior League of Columbia has given countless hours and raised substantial funds to support the Junior League of Columbia’s community projects, training, and support services over these ninety years; and

Whereas, the Junior League of Columbia has worked with numerous community partners such as Palmetto Place Children’s Shelter, Therapy Place, and Epworth Children’s Home in recent years to improve the health of local children; and

Whereas, the vision of the Junior League of Columbia is to strengthen the health and well‑being of the children and families of the Midlands, and the Junior League of Columbia will continue to work to make this vision a reality. 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 the Junior League of Columbia for its significant contributions to the community and congratulate the Junior League of Columbia on celebrating its Ninetieth Anniversary on September 23, 2014.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Junior League of Columbia.

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