**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PEE DEE STREET RODDERS OF FLORENCE FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEEDS OF THE GRAND STRAND COMMUNITY AND FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THE MEMBERS INVEST IN THE ANNUAL RUN TO THE SUN CAR SHOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL WHO APPRECIATE CLASSIC CARS.

Whereas, Pee Dee Street Rodders of Florence came into existence in the mid‑1980s when thirty families joined together to give classic car hobbyists the opportunity to enjoy the hobby of American classic cars and trucks and to socialize with others that engage in this hobby; and

Whereas, the main focus of the members of the Pee Dee Street Rodders is to have fun with the classic car hobby and to help their communities while doing so; and

Whereas, the club annually sponsors a weekend‑long Run to the Sun Car Show during the spring in Myrtle Beach and gives a hundred percent of the proceeds to charity; and

Whereas, the 2015 Run to the Sun was held from March 19 to 21 at the old Myrtle Square Mall at 2501 Kings Highway; and

Whereas, in 2014, the Run to the Sun Car Show boasted more than three thousand one hundred beautiful cars and trucks participating, and through the monies raised the Pee Dee Street Rodders were able to donate one hundred thousand dollars to charities, including the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Children’s Miracle Network at McLeod Children’s Hospital, the Horry County Sheriff’s Department for the 2014 Benevolent Fund, and the Grand Strand Miracle League; and

Whereas, total donations to these charities since the club formed has reached about one million four hundred thousand dollars for deserving charities in order to help those in the community who are less fortunate; and

Whereas, Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes and the members of the Myrtle Beach City Council served as co‑hosts of the twenty‑seventh anniversary of Run to the Sun Car Show; and

Whereas, the largest independent car show on the East Coast, the annual event draws more than a hundred thousand spectators and features door prizes, cash giveaways, and drawings; and

Whereas, both the Car and the Truck of the Year are featured on the Pee Dee Street Rodders’ t‑shirts, hats, plaques, and fliers for the following anniversary of Run to the Sun; and

Whereas, among the honors the organization has received, Eagle One Products bestowed the National Good Samaritan Award on the Pee Dee Street Rodders in 1995 for good deeds, kindness, and hard work in offering a helping hand to people from all walks of life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the pride and recognition that the members of the Pee Dee Street Rodders have brought to the State of South Carolina and commend the members for their generous assistance to so many in their community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Pee Dee Street Rodders of Florence for significant contributions to the needs of the Grand Strand community and for the outstanding work the members invest in the annual Run to the Sun Car Show for the benefit of all who appreciate classic cars.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Pee Dee Street Rodders’ President Roy Lowman and Vice President Lawrence Thornton.

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