**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SAMMIE MCALILLY III OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY AS A HOMETOWN HERO WHO HAS SPREAD LOVE AND GOODWILL THROUGHOUT HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, born on November 12, 1974, Sammie McAlilly III began receiving assistance from CHESCO Services in 1993, and since that time he has realized many goals, including obtaining a job, a driver’s license, a car, and an apartment; and

Whereas, CHESCO Services, created by state legislation and county ordinance, plans, coordinates, advocates, and delivers services to people with disabilities and their families in Chesterfield, Marlboro, Kershaw, Richland, and Darlington counties; and

Whereas, although CHESCO Services has assisted Mr. McAlilly, he accomplished most of his achievements through hard work and his charming, optimistic, and outgoing personality; and

Whereas, first trained as a janitor for a local convenience store while attending Central High School in Pageland, South Carolina, he was hired at Cheraw Wal‑Mart in 1994, and continues to be employed there; and

Whereas, easily recognized as the most popular person in the City of Cheraw, Mr. McAlilly became a stakeholder with the company in 2003; and

Whereas, as his popularity grew, he was invited to participate in many events and activities and was honored with the Sam Walton Hero Award in 2005, which is awarded annually to only fifty of the 2.1 million Wal‑Mart employees. The award recognizes associates “who most exemplify the three basic beliefs Sam Walton brought to his business—respect for the individual, striving for excellence, and customer service”; and

Whereas, Mr. McAlilly served as Grand Marshall of the Cheraw Christmas Parade in 2005, and continues to be in the annual parade, ranking almost as popular as Santa; and

Whereas, in 2012, he was invited to Wal‑Mart’s annual shareholders meeting in Arkansas, where he met the leaders of the company and led the entire group in the Wal‑Mart cheer; and

Whereas, a role model for many in the community, as well as for other CHESCO Services consumers who desire to work in the community, Mr. McAlilly is the reason many employers are now more receptive to hiring people with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, he currently sings in the choir and serves on the usher board at Robinson African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, is a member of the St. David’s Masonic Lodge #467, and serves on the Human Rights Committee for CHESCO Services; and

Whereas, a participant in numerous Special Olympic events, Mr. McAlilly attends the Wal‑Mart sponsored Gold Tournament at Myrtle Beach once a year; and

Whereas, as a result of his overwhelming popularity and positive attitude, he received the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award from the Cheraw Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the outstanding contributions that Sammie McAlilly has made to his community and congratulate him on his many remarkable achievements. 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 Sammie McAlilly III of Chesterfield County as a hometown hero who has spread love and goodwill throughout his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sammie McAlilly III.

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