**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYRTLE BEACH FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, TO CONGRATULATE THE MYRTLE BEACH CLUB AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO THANK ITS MEMBERS FOR HALF A CENTURY OF HONORING OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THROUGH THE OFFICER JOE MCGARRY MEMORIAL POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that in 2016 the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach is celebrating seventy years of meaningful community involvement in Myrtle Beach, as well as fifty years of honoring outstanding law enforcement officers through the Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award; and

Whereas, a grassroots organization with 1.2 million members worldwide, Rotary International consists of business professionals and community leaders who volunteer their time, talent, and resources to address and resolve vital community needs; and

Whereas, Rotary members identify community needs locally, nationally, and internationally and then leverage their resources to facilitate solutions; and

Whereas, chartered in October 1946, the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach represents Myrtle Beach‑area businesspeople in promoting the Rotary International standard of “service above self,” a benchmark the club has held high and maintained throughout its seventy‑year history; and

Whereas, as part of its promotion of service above self, the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club, in addition to its sponsorship of the McGarry Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed on law enforcement officers, carries out various projects. Recent projects include painting two houses in one day for Habitat for Humanity and donating dictionaries to each of 378 third‑grade students at Myrtle Beach Elementary School; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the influence Rotary Clubs have on the lives of so many in their communities and wish the members of Myrtle Beach Rotary many more years of successful involvement 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 commend the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach for its significant impact on the community, congratulate the Myrtle Beach club at the celebration of its seventieth anniversary, and thank its members for half a century of honoring outstanding law enforcement officers through the Officer Joe McGarry Memorial Police Officer of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach.

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