**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE GUS RUBIO, FOUNDER, OWNER, AND OPERATOR OF GABRIEL BUILDERS IN GREER, ON BEING NAMED 2015 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS CUSTOM HOME BUILDER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Gus Rubio, founder, owner, and operator of Gabriel Builders in Greer, has been named 2015 Custom Home Builder of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); and

Whereas, sponsored by Sherwin‑Williams, the NAHB Custom Home Builder of the Year award recognizes the professional achievement of a builder who year after year creates exceptional custom homes for discerning clients and demonstrates positive leadership in the industry and community; and

Whereas, the award was presented to Mr. Rubio on January 20, 2015, at a luncheon in Las Vegas as part of the events taking place at the NAHB International Builders’ Show (IBS); and

Whereas, the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greenville, which nominated Gus Rubio for the award, said his business philosophy of customer service before, during, and after the sale sets his company apart from any other building company. As a leader in his profession, Gus Rubio served as president of the HBA of Greenville Board of Directors from 1988 to 1991, and he has served as chairman of the membership committee since 2013. In the community, Mr. Rubio and his team give through their leadership and in‑kind donations; and

Whereas, one of the few Certified Master Builders in South Carolina, Gus Rubio first gained building experience working construction jobs during college vacations. After earning a business degree from Furman University, Gus began his career as a quality‑control manager at W.R. Grace and remodeled rental properties on the side. When he was ready to delve into home construction full‑time, the culture of quality remained a part of his character. Today, Gabriel Builders has a quality‑assurance manager and conducts its entire operation from a detailed quality manual; and

Whereas, grateful for the consistent excellence Gus Rubio and Gabriel Builders have shown through the years, the Senate takes great pleasure in adding its collective voice of praise to the many encomiums flowing in on the occasion of Mr. Rubio’s receiving the 2015 National Association of Home Builders Custom Home Builder of the Year award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Gus Rubio, founder, owner, and operator of Gabriel Builders in Greer, on being named 2015 National Association of Home Builders Custom Home Builder of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Gus Rubio.

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