**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE POLO ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S GIRLS ON THE RUN GROUP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR PUERTO RICO.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Polo Road Elementary School’s Girls on the Run group for spearheading a successful fundraising drive called Pennies for Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, each season, the Girls on the Run group chooses one community impact project. For fall 2017, the girls chose to help the people of Puerto Rico, as some of the girls and families at the school had connections in Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, while the group initially wanted to collect items to send, the girls ultimately decided to raise money for the American Red Cross, after finding out that the organization was in dire need of monetary donations. The girls collected money from the car-rider line at their school and, in spreading their vision, far exceeded their original fundraising goal of $500; and

Whereas, past projects by the group have included efforts to help Pawmetto Pets, the Children’s Hospital, the Oliver Gospel Mission, and the Children’s Orphanage; and

Whereas, the dedicated young women in the Girls on the Run group include Nidia Castro Villeda, Angie Cermeno, Ayleen Cermeno, Sibrina Robinson, Delaney Peck, Ian Garcia Bravo, Alexandria Manuel, Ariana Cruz, and Kylie State; and

Whereas, nationally established in 1996, Girls on the Run is a transformational learning program for pre-teen girls that teaches life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates in a celebratory 5k running event; and

Whereas, Polo Road Elementary School’s Girls on the Run group has brought great pride and recognition to its school and community, and the Senate looks with great interest to hear of all further projects and accomplishments by these passionate, talented young women. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Polo Road Elementary School’s Girls on the Run group for their outstanding fundraising efforts for Puerto Rico.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Polo Road Elementary School’s Girls on the Run group.

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