**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RENEE AND BOB MCCORMICK FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE HONEA PATH FREE CLINIC AND FOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THAT THE CLINIC HAS HAD ON THE HONEA PATH COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina are pleased to pause in their deliberations to commend Renee and Bob McCormick for their enduring commitment to the Honea Path Free Clinic; and

Whereas, both natives of Connecticut, the McCormicks dated for six years before they married in 1962 and moved to South Carolina when Mr. McCormick was transferred to the Palmetto State in 1976. Although Mrs. McCormick missed her hometown, family, and friends, she immersed herself in the life of her new community; and

Whereas, with a diploma in nursing, she served as a critical‑care nurse for forty‑two years. He earned a two‑year degree in mechanical engineering and worked for Torrington, now Timken, for thirty‑seven years, rising from engineer to plant manager; and

Whereas, when a local doctor closed his office in Honea Path, Mrs. McCormick secured the facility and led a team of volunteers to prepare it for use as a free clinic. The clinic, with only a volunteer staff, has provided access to health care since 2012 for low‑income, uninsured residents of Anderson County several days a month as a satellite of the Anderson Free Clinic; and

Whereas, she serves as the volunteer coordinator, community liaison, and fundraiser for the clinic. Mr. McCormick helps to maintain the facility, repairing, replacing, upgrading, and doing whatever is necessary to keep the clinic functioning. Together they coordinate all the events for the clinic, including the Honea Path Walk with the Docs and the Christmas Parade; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCormick served as a member of the Anderson Free Clinic Board of Directors from 2009 to 2015, and as its executive board secretary in 2011, and now serves as a board member emeritus and attends every meeting without fail; and

Whereas, devoted and active members of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church for more than four decades, the McCormicks never miss Mass, even when traveling. She has taught Confraternity Christian Doctrine, currently serves on the Bereavement Committee, and is a Eucharistic minister for shut‑ins in Belton and Honea Path; and

Whereas, together they have reared four fine children: Doug, Chris, Karen, and Patty, who have blessed their parents with a number of adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, Renee and Bob McCormick are stellar examples of loving their neighbors as themselves, and the South Carolina General Assembly is genuinely grateful for the practical and meaningful concern they have translated into vital medical care for many citizens and their neighbors of Anderson County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Renee and Bob McCormick for their tireless work in establishing and maintaining the Honea Path Free Clinic and for the significant impact that the clinic has had on the Honea Path community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Renee and Bob McCormick.

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