**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE VICTORIA ETHERIDGE OF RIDGELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Victoria Etheridge as a rising star in Jasper County; and

Whereas, Victoria is a junior at John Paul II Catholic School. An excellent student, she has completed AP and honors level coursework and is involved with the Student Leadership Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Team, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Softball, Kolbe House Student Leadership Team, Model United Nations, Peer Ministry Team, Joint Kairos Retreat with Cardinal Newman Catholic School, and National Honor Society; and

Whereas, an active leader in her community, Victoria has spearheaded a number of charitable initiatives. As the founder of VIC’S Vision: Volunteering Inspires Children, she has organized twenty-four service projects for children and teens to serve their local and global community, including projects benefitting active duty military, abused children, seniors, homeless teenagers, residents of the Ronald McDonald House, Soles4Souls shoe drives, Relay for Life, the American Heart Association Heartwalk, Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, and Children’s Miracle Network; and

Whereas, she has further given back to her community as a volunteer at Ridgeland Nursing Home, an inspirational speaker for Fields of Faith, and an anti-bullying ambassador in local classrooms with Crown C.A.R.E.S. She has been involved with the Marcus Lattimore Foundation’s Thanksgiving meal delivery, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce State House Day, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Camp, Hugh O’Brien Youth State Leadership Seminar, and Gillisonville Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Victoria’s charity toward others extends far beyond the limits of her immediate community, through mission trips to the mountains of Ecuador and to inner city, low-income apartments in Atlanta; and

Whereas, Victoria has received a number of honors and awards, including a Prudential South Carolina Spirit of Community Bronze State Finalist nomination, Gold Presidential Community Service Award, Kayla Watson Humanitarian Award, National Youth Activist Helpful Humanitarian Award nomination, American Red Cross Youth Hero, Universal Cheer Association All American Cheerleader, All American Cheerleader representing the United States in London’s New Year’s Day Parade, John Paul II Sophomore Service Award, and Principal’s Honor Roll; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Victoria Etheridge has brought to her school and community and look with great interest to hear of all further accomplishments by this passionate, talented young woman. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Victoria Etheridge of Ridgeland, South Carolina for her outstanding achievements and dedicated service to her community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Victoria Etheridge.

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