**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES E. NICHOLSON OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, for thirty‑five years, Charles E. Nicholson served the Boy Scouts of America in multiple capacities. Mr. Nicholson helped shape young boys’ lives as Packmaster 31 from 1969 to 1979. Following his service as Packmaster, he led Troop 219 as Scoutmaster from 1980 through 1985, after which he served as a committee member for the same troop from 1985 to 1990; and

Whereas, Charles Nicholson continued his time volunteering for the Boy Scouts of America by serving as a chartered organization representative for Troop 219 from 1994 through 2006. During that time, he also served as Troop 219 committee chairman from 2005 to 2006. A highlight of his service occurred in 1981 when he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. This society was created to honor Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily; and

Whereas, in addition to demonstrating his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, Charles Nicholson has proven his generous heart through his service to Seneca Baptist Church, of which he has been a member since 1962. He acted as church treasurer for seventeen years and continues to serve his fellow worshippers as an usher. Moreover, Mr. Nicholson and his wife have prepared weekly meals for the church for over fifteen years, and with his Sunday school class, Mr. Nicholson packs food boxes for the needy every month; and

Whereas, to honor him for his service to Seneca Baptist, Charles Nicholson has been granted the church’s Good Shepherd Award; and

Whereas, further, because he believes in giving back to his community as much as possible, Mr. Nicholson has held the offices of post adjutant, commander, and finance officer with Charles McGee Byrd Post 120 of the American Legion in Seneca. He has also served the organization as membership chairman for forty years; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for Charles Nicholson’s decades of faithfulness in serving the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in commending him for his contributions to this great State, especially in Oconee County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Charles E. Nicholson of Oconee County for his many years of dedicated and outstanding community service and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Charles E. Nicholson.

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