**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEWART AND STEVEN MUNGO OF COLUMBIA FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON RECEIVING THE 2016 UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Stewart and Steven Mungo, in grateful acknowledgement of their philanthropic contributions to the citizens of the Columbia area, jointly have been named 2016 United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian of the Year. On February 23, 2017, they were formally presented with the award during the annual Humanitarian of the Year dinner and award ceremony; and

Whereas, this honor, which recognizes individuals who have shown extraordinary leadership in philanthropy and human services and who have made a major impact on changing and improving conditions for Midlands residents, is a fitting tribute to exemplary humanitarians with a high dedication to their calling equaling the eminence of the award; and

Whereas, both Stewart and Steven are graduates of Wofford College. Stewart finished with a degree in government (1974), while Steven completed his degree in political science (1981). They took on the company their father, Michael, started in 1954 and together built Mungo Homes into the recognized national leader in the home construction and land management business it is today. The company has since developed more than 25,000 home sites. In 2012, *Builder* magazine named Mungo Homes America’s Best Builder, an award for overall excellence in new homebuilding; and

Whereas, the Mungo brothers credit their philanthropic efforts to their father, who was dedicated to giving back to the community. Before his death in 2010, Michael made arrangements for his entire estate to be left to his sons for the purpose of establishing a foundation in his name. Following in their father’s footsteps, Stewart and Steven have continued to impact their community, especially in tough times; and

Whereas, because they firmly believe that along with success comes responsibility, Stewart and Steven participate on many civic boards and philanthropic committees and encourage their employees to get involved, as well. On a corporate level, Mungo Homes supports the National Kidney Foundation, Oliver Gospel Mission, the National Park Service, EdVenture Children’s Museum, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Keep America Beautiful, Pawmetto Lifeline, Wofford College, and many other organizations; and

Whereas, at the height of the economic recession in 2008, the foundation established an initiative to match donations to Harvest Hope Food Bank to ensure that its mission of feeding the hungry could continue. After the October 2015 flood, the foundation partnered with United Way of the Midlands in a collaborative effort to restore flood‑damaged homes in the area; and

Whereas, Stewart and Steven find strength for their labors in the strong support of their families. Stewart and his wife, Deloris, have two children, Matt and Mary, and three grandchildren. Steven and his wife, Maria, also have two children, Ward and Emily; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Stewart and Steven Mungo who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Stewart and Steven Mungo of Columbia for their many years of outstanding community service and congratulate them on receiving the 2016 United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stewart and Steven Mungo.

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