**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MADIE ROBINSON FOR HER NOBLE EFFORTS IN DECREASING THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN THE PEE DEE REGION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives find it altogether fitting and appropriate to pause in their deliberations to applaud Madie Robinson, who has worked for thirty years striving to decrease the infant mortality rate in the Pee Dee region; and

Whereas, when the United Way of South Carolina’s pilot program for Healthy Start ended in 1992, Madie, as executive director, established Pee Dee Healthy Start in Florence; and

Whereas, from 1992 until today, the infant mortality rate in the Pee Dee region has seen a decline due to Madie and her staff’s seemingly untiring efforts; and

Whereas, through Pee Dee Healthy Start, Madie Robinson has empowered high risk single moms to deliver healthier babies; and

Whereas, Madie’s tenacity and resilience overcame the loss of all federal funding in 2014 for infant mortality and kept the doors of Pee Dee Healthy Start open; and

Whereas, she has been cited by South Carolina news media as being instrumental in closing the disparate infant mortality rate between black babies and white babies. This accomplishment is especially meaningful when taking note of the disproportionate rate of infant deaths in black children under the age of one; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives find the efforts exhibited by Madie have done great service to the beautiful Palmetto State. Her laudable work will resonant through the decades. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor and commend Madie Robinson for her noble efforts in decreasing the infant mortality rate in the Pee Dee region.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Madie Robinson.

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