**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR NATHAN BRANNON, OF THE CITY OF GREER, FOR UNPARALLELED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO COMMEND HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF SOCIETY.

Whereas, in the spring of 2016, a weeklong event, initiated as a senior project, changed the landscape of the greater   
Greer community. Nathan Brannon was a Greer Middle College student who had a vision not only to help nonprofit organizations in the community but to change the community in a personal way. Greer Soup Kitchen, Greer Community Ministries, Greer Relief, the City of Greer, and Greer High School were just a few of the organizations that benefitted from Nathan’s vision; and

Whereas, supported by the prayers and blessings of Fairview Baptist Church, Nathan planned the entire project and provided the groundwork for it by contacting area businesses and organizations for assistance. Hope Week 2016 included landscaping, general yard work, pressure washing sidewalks and parking lots, building handicap ramps, roof repairs, and painting residential and nonprofit buildings for those who could not afford the work, as well as conducting day camps and outreach in different locations throughout Greer, among other activities. There were over forty projects completed over the five-day period with over three hundred volunteers participating. What made the event even more special was Nathan’s ability to raise funds to pay for all the materials; and

Whereas, along with manual work, Nathan arranged to pay it forward by reaching out to area restaurants, grocery stores, and other community businesses to provide for meals, groceries, washing and drying clothes, and more. Nathan also arranged for baskets to be delivered to Greer area businesses providing food and bottled water as a way to express hope for a better community. Most were amazed that they received gifts with no strings attached; and

Whereas, Nathan completed his senior project and received an A+ grade. He could have stopped there, but did not. Hope Week 2017 was held in April, and it was even more successful than the previous year. While many of the same activities and work were scheduled, the volunteer base doubled and a new project was added: constructing a garden to serve as an additional food supply. The week culminated with a helicopter dropping twenty thousand Easter eggs on Dooley Field in Greer; and

Whereas, the economic impact of Hope Week 2017 was approximately seventy‑three thousand dollars. Support of the service week was provided by over eighteen businesses who partnered with Nathan and Fairview Baptist Church. Through Nathan’s vision, a blessing has been provided to the community of Greer, impacting many people and saving local nonprofit organizations substantial amounts of money, allowing more good works to be done for those in need; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives express their heartfelt gratitude for the initiative Nathan Brannon has taken and look forward to hearing of his future successes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor Nathan Brannon, of the city of Greer, for unparalleled service to his community and commend his exemplary efforts toward the betterment of society.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Nathan Brannon.

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