**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LEXINGTON COUNTY RECREATION AND AGING COMMISSION MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM AND THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE THE PROGRAM’S SENIORS.

Whereas, in March 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a national nutrition program for seniors sixty years and older. Appropriately, in March 2002 the Meals on Wheels Association of America established the National March for Meals Campaign to celebrate the importance of Older Americans Act senior nutrition programs and to raise awareness about senior hunger in America; and

Whereas, during the more than four decades in which senior nutrition programs have benefitted South Carolina communities, volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels programs throughout this great State have been the backbone of the program. These dedicated friends deliver not just nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities but also caring, concern, and attention to their welfare; and

Whereas, these volunteer services help seniors avoid premature or unnecessary institutionalization and provide powerful socialization opportunities for millions of seniors as they combat loneliness and isolation; and

Whereas, exemplifying the fine work of the Palmetto State’s senior nutrition programs, the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Meals on Wheels program has served its seniors admirably for over forty years, offering services, including delivery of more than 144,000 meals annually in Lexington County, to more than twelve hundred older individuals. The Senate is grateful for the excellent work of this committed volunteer program, which diligently seeks to improve the nutrition of South Carolina’s seniors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Meals on Wheels program and the dedicated volunteers who serve the program’s seniors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission Meals on Wheels program.

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