**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE KILLINGSWORTH HOME ON PROVIDING ITS FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOR MORE THAN SEVEN DECADES AND TO WISH THIS FINE INSTITUTION GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS IT CONTINUES TO SERVE.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives celebrates organizations dedicated to the restoration of individuals in crisis to productive lives; and

Whereas, Killingsworth Home stands among their number as an outstanding conduit of effective, compassionate Christian service that is much admired by the communities it has served for more than seventy years; and

Whereas, Killingsworth Home, the vision of Corrie Killingsworth, is a nonprofit organization founded in September 1947 as a Christian home for women. In 1972, it became a transition home to assist women in crisis situations; and

Whereas, the Columbia organization offers a safe haven for women who are committed to changing their lives. Killingsworth’s mission, “to support, empower, and advocate for women recovering from various life crises within a safe, nurturing Christian environment,” has made it possible for the women it serves to be defined by their present efforts, not by their past mistakes; and

Whereas, the goal for all residents is to grow in their quest for wholeness so that when they leave Killingsworth they will live long, purpose‑filled lives; serve as good citizens in their communities; and repair relationships where possible; and

Whereas, the women who come to Killingsworth Home are held responsible for their recovery and their progress toward self‑sufficiency. They are required to pay rent, seek employment or attend school, meet with sponsors, and attend classes as deemed necessary. They participate in outside groups that help them learn life skills such as understanding relationships, dressing professionally, crafting resumes, and managing money; and

Whereas, during their stay at Killingsworth Home, these women gain a second chance at life as they transition from addiction, incarceration, mental health challenges, abuse, and other crises. Killingsworth’s website, *www.killingsworth.org*, shares more information about this worthy ministry, which is presently led by Donna Lollis, executive director; and

Whereas, cognizant of Killingsworth Home’s many years of outstanding service to the people of South Carolina, particularly those in the Columbia area, the House wishes to express its grateful thanks to Killingsworthand wish the organization God’s best as its dedicated workers continue to run the race the Lord has set before them. 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 congratulate Killingsworth Home on providing its faithful Christian ministry for more than seven decades and wish this fine institution God’s richest blessings as it continues to serve.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Killingsworth Home.

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