**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE IRON ORDER MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR ITS MANY CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO EXTEND GRATEFUL THANKS AND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, with chapters in forty‑nine states and eleven foreign countries, the Iron Order Motorcycle Club (IOMC) will be fifteen years strong in July 2019; and

Whereas, the IOMC originated in Jeffersonville, Indiana, on July 4, 2004, as an independent and neutral motorcycle club. Members, who come from all walks of life, professions, and backgrounds, participate in events and charities they believe will benefit their communities. They share a common interest in motorcycles, brotherhood, and enjoying the biker lifestyle; and

Whereas, as bikers, they are not just people who ride motorcycles, but rather those who live the biker lifestyle and who have that innate desire for true American freedom granted to all by our Creator and recognized by our forefathers and the Constitution of the United States. They ride, celebrate, laugh, and grieve together. They honor our military service members, veterans, first responders, and police officers; and

Whereas, as brothers of the IOMC, they place a brother’s needs before their own wants. IOMC members take care of each other and their families, as well as those in their communities who need their help. Chapters of The Iron Order Motorcycle Club host and participate in many charity events for the good of their communities. As a result, they have been profiled in local news outlets for their charity work, but sometimes only the recipients of their assistance know who helped them. They do this charity work, not because of greed or for glory, but because they can and because they feel it’s the right thing to do; and

Whereas, in South Carolina, the first chapter was formed in Greenville County in July 2011. Nearly eight years later, the IOMC has established additional chapters in Jasper, Richland, Sumter, Aiken, and Charleston counties. These six South Carolina chapters of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club have raised more than $58,500 in the last several years and contributed thousands of man‑hours to a variety of charitable causes in our State, including free summer camp for children in the foster system, cancer treatment for a member of the community, Christmas presents for an adoptive family, and a funeral service for a community member. They have also supported South Carolina Area 15 Special Olympics, Pledge the Pink (breast cancer screening, treatment, and research), Christmas Miracle (Christmas meals for fifty families), Riders Remembered (fallen riders’ families), the United Ministries’ food drive, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Iron Order Motorcycle Club of South Carolina for its many charitable contributions to the people of the Palmetto State and extend grateful thanks and best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Iron Order Motorcycle Club of South Carolina.

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