**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CITY YEAR COLUMBIA FOR THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAKES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE MIDLANDS AND TO EXPRESS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE TEAM MEMBERS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS WHO GIVE SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES FOR THE CHILDREN SERVED BY CITY YEAR COLUMBIA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn of the valuable support services and contributions that City Year Columbia offers every year to the Midlands; and

Whereas, the ideal of voluntary service in one’s community has long inspired the civic imagination of Americans. The organization’s name, City Year, suggests the idyllic notion that a year of service should be part of every young person’s early experience; and

Whereas, because City Year is based on the belief that every child can succeed and that we all benefit when students thrive, City Year partners with schools to help bridge the gap between what their students need and what most urban schools are designed and resourced to provide; and

Whereas, in 1992, Harvard Law student Marie‑Louise Ramsdal attended a City Year event and was so inspired by it that she wrote a two‑page proposal to bring City Year to South Carolina. The next year, her dream was realized; and

Whereas, from its highly successful youth corps, City Year Boston launched the first City Year national expansion site in Columbia in the summer of 1993; and

Whereas, since then, young adults, ages seventeen through twenty‑three, have mentored more than forty thousand students in Columbia through an innovative community service and leadership‑training program; and

Whereas, from diverse racial, educational, and socio‑economic backgrounds, the corps members work in teams from September to June to serve the Columbia Community; and

Whereas, these young men and women exemplify the type of young adults we are all proud to have represent our communities, our State, and our nation by empowering other young people to make a difference; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives deeply value the numerous meaningful services and contributions provided to the Midlands by City Year Columbia and its volunteers. 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 honor City Year Columbia for the many contributions that the organization makes to the citizens of the Midlands and express sincere appreciation to the teams members, staff members, and supporters who give so generously of their time and resources for the children served by City Year Columbia.

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