**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE THOUSANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME THROUGH THE ADOPT‑A‑HIGHWAY PROGRAM TO KEEP MILES OF STATE ROADS LITTER FREE AND TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS ADOPT‑A‑HIGHWAY MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, since 1987, volunteers have contributed countless hours to the Adopt‑A‑Highway program throughout the Palmetto State, which is now part of the PalmettoPride Pickup program; and

Whereas, in 2018 alone, 21,005 Adopt‑A‑Highway volunteers from 1,574 groups picked up almost 1,100,000 pounds of litter from 4,375 miles of state roads; and

Whereas, the value of their volunteer time provided almost six million dollars of service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, like all bad habits, littering is costly and detracts from community safety, economic development, and the health of the environment; and

Whereas, every year Adopt‑A‑Highway recognizes volunteers who make a significant impact on their communities through their efforts to curb the deleterious impact of litter. The Adopt‑A‑Highway 2018 Coordinator of the Year is Ernestine M. Williams from Georgetown County; and

Whereas, the Group of the Year for District One is the Lee Central High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Lee County; the District Two Volunteer of the Year is Ron Alexander from Abbeville County; District Three Group of the Year is Delta Sigma Theta in Greenville County; District Four Group of the Year is Minter Road Crew in Chester County; District Five Group of the Year is Sandridge Community in Williamsburg County; District Six Group of the Year is Grays Girls in Jasper County; and District Seven Group of the Year is Jordan Methodist Church in Clarendon County; and

Whereas, Jasper County’s Grays Girls was the group of volunteers additionally chosen as the state’s Adopt‑A‑Highway Group of the Year; and

Whereas, the State of South Carolina acknowledges and extends deep gratitude to the army of volunteers who give innumerable hours to curb litter through Adopt‑A‑Highway; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly commends the Adopt‑A‑Highway program and applauds the volunteers who make a significant contribution to reducing litter throughout the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize the thousands of South Carolinians who volunteer their time through the Adopt‑A‑Highway program to keep miles of state roads litter free and proclaim the month of May 2019 as Adopt‑A‑Highway Month in the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sarah R. Lyles, Executive Director of PalmettoPride.

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