**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE “KEEP THE MIDLANDS BEAUTIFUL” FOR ITS MEANINGFUL CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE THIS FINE ORGANIZATION AS IT CELEBRATES THREE DECADES OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE MIDLANDS OF THIS GREAT STATE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that “Keep the Midlands Beautiful” celebrated its thirtieth anniversary of outstanding service to the Midlands of South Carolina in 2019; and

Whereas, established in 1989 to serve Richland and Lexington counties, this nonprofit organization is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and, as such, is charged with the mission of educating, engaging, and inspiring the people of the Midlands to invest in their communities through litter prevention, recycling, and beautification; and

Whereas, to accomplish this worthy mission, the West Columbia‑based group organizes volunteers for Adopt‑A‑Highway in Lexington County and Richland County, Adopt‑A‑Street in the City of Columbia, Adopt‑A‑Waterway, and other volunteer events and programs. Keep the Midlands Beautiful also participates in Green Schools and Green Faith programs in the same counties; and

Whereas, each year, thousands of Midlands residents, volunteering in support of this mission, regularly go forth representing Keep the Midlands Beautiful to remove litter on area roads and waterways, in parks, and on school grounds. Under the auspices of Keep the Midlands Beautiful, led by Laura Anne Hunt, executive director, businesses come together to implement recycling programs, and communities pursue beautification projects throughout Richland and Lexington counties. As a 501(C)(3) organization, Keep the Midlands Beautiful relies heavily on support from corporate partners, local businesses, and dedicated individuals; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in celebrating Keep the Midlands Beautiful and the significant thirty‑year milestone of service since its founding. The members applaud the hard work and commitment of the organization for helping to improve quality of life in the various communities of the Midlands and for making an uplifting difference in the lives of so many. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute Keep the Midlands Beautiful for its meaningful civic and community involvement and congratulate this fine organization as it celebrates three decades of extraordinary service to the Midlands of this great State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Keep the Midlands Beautiful.

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