**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE KERSHAW COUNTY FINE ARTS CENTER FOR ITS IMPRESSIVE WORK IN CELEBRATING THE MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE OF KERSHAW COUNTY, TO HONOR THE COMMITTEE’S FOUNDING MEMBERS, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRTY‑THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center will celebrate its thirty‑third anniversary on February 23, 2020; and

Whereas, founded in 1987, the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center was formed to spotlight ethnic diversity in the arts while celebrating the multicultural heritage of the citizens of Kershaw County; and

Whereas, further, at its founding the committee was tasked with highlighting and honoring Black History Month in a very special way through the arts by sponsoring the annual Multicultural Heritage Tea. This event focuses on the art contest for Kershaw County students in grades three through eight. In the contest, students are encouraged and empowered to create art projects utilizing various forms of art media and technology that feature the outstanding contributions of African Americans to the history of the State of South Carolina and the United States; and

Whereas, celebrating the diversity of spirituality through the richness of gospel music was also emphasized and showcased at the committee’s founding with the establishment of the annual Gospel Fest; and

Whereas, the committee continues to support the arts in Kershaw County while highlighting the richness of the county’s cultural diversity; and

Whereas, founding members of the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center are Debbie Bailey, Harrison Bennett, Hansel Boykin, Eugene Brown, Taunya Chivers, Ann Davis, Alfred Mae Drakeford, Debra Edwards, Katherine Johnson, Bert Karesh, Ruby Minton, Sylvia Haile Nelson, Yvonne Pickett, Mollye Robinson, Althea Truitt, Louisa Watkins, and Ernest Witherspoon; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center as it honors its past, rejoices in its present, and looks ahead to its future in service that will uplift the people of Kershaw County. 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, commend the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center for its impressive work in celebrating the multicultural heritage of Kershaw County, honor the committee’s founding members, and congratulate the committee on its thirty‑third anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Multicultural Committee of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center.

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