**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CHESTERFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 74 UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, one hundred years ago, Chesterfield American Legion Post 74 was organized, and since its founding it has proved a staunch advocate for veterans and their families. Post 74 elected as its first commander Robert L. Gardner, who served from 1920 to 1927, and it is presently led by Commander Lois Hough‑Everage, who was first elected in 2018; and

Whereas, over the years, the American Legion has played a leading role in initiatives and breakthroughs affecting the lives of Americans in every community, including the formation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Flag Code, and the GI Bill; and

Whereas, further, American Legion posts annually donate more than 3.7 million hours of volunteer service in their communities, provide assistance on more than one hundred eighty‑one thousand VA benefits claims and cases, donate over eighty thousand pints of blood, award more than eight thousand medals to Junior ROTC students, sponsor over two thousand five hundred Scouting units, and award more than four million dollars in college scholarships; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives greatly appreciate the selfless service of Post 74 to the people of this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Chesterfield American Legion Post 74 upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and commend the organization for its many years of dedicated service to our veterans and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chesterfield American Legion Post 74.

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