**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CAROLINA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF NORTH CHARLESTON ON ITS TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVING YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS IN CARRYING OUT ITS WORTHY MISSION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) of North Charleston is celebrating its two hundred thirtieth anniversary; and

Whereas, CYDC is committed to protecting children, empowering families, and preparing youth for adulthood; and

Whereas, the oldest operating nonprofit in South Carolina, Carolina Youth Development Center was originally named the Charleston Orphan House; and

Whereas, CYDC presently serves more than eight hundred children and families every year in more than fifteen counties, including Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties; and

Whereas, in 2019, CYDC opened the first independent living home in the Lowcountry, called NuHouse; completed training in trauma‑informed care practices for all staff; opened a teen after‑school center; and matched funding from the South Carolina Department of Social Services dollar for dollar; and

Whereas, last year, CYDC also received referrals for services from more than fifteen surrounding counties and saw 90% of its youth demonstrating improvements in life skills; and

Whereas, Carolina Youth Development Center is a cherished member of the Charleston community, with more than three hundred thirty‑seven community volunteers providing support to the organization in 2019; and

Whereas, in the works for CYDC is the launch of a new care model, Teaching Families, aimed at building positive change in CYDC residents while remaining focused on the holistic development of each individual. This program is expected to serve over eight hundred families this year through the opening of a family support center; and

Whereas, CYDC is committed to ensuring that children are placed in the best possible setting, based on their individual needs, while they are under CYDC’s care. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Carolina Youth Development Center of North Charleston on its two hundred thirtieth anniversary of serving youth and families in South Carolina and extend best wishes for many more years of continued success in carrying out its worthy mission.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Carolina Youth Development Center.

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