**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE BALLENTINE CHICK‑FIL‑A FOR TEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO WISH THE MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE TEAM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were pleased to learn that the Ballentine Chick‑fil‑A is celebrating ten years of successful service to the Ballentine community on September 16, 2020; and

Whereas, the owner and operator of the franchise, Steve Arnold, is a member of Gateway Baptist Church and has lived in Irmo more than twenty years. He has been a proud Chick‑fil‑A franchise operator for nearly thirty years; and

Whereas, led by the director team of Jim Reese, Elisa Reese, and Tony Rossodivita, the Ballentine franchise employs over two hundred team members from Mr. Arnold’s own community; and

Whereas, in the past ten years, the franchise has nearly tripled the sales forecast of Chick‑fil‑A, Inc., for a free‑standing unit on a two‑lane highway; and

Whereas, Mr. Arnold’s Chick‑fil‑A has ranked as the number one drive thru in the nation at various times with the help of the franchise’s team members and the support of the Ballentine community; and

Whereas, for a decade, the franchise has maintained Mr. Arnold’s vision to glorify God by serving others with excellence as its only priority, a simple goal that has proven effective in making the franchise such a success in the community; and

Whereas, although COVID‑19 has restricted the dining room availability, sales for the Ballentine Chick‑fil‑A have increased during the coronavirus crisis, a testament to its excellent service and its popularity in the community; and

Whereas, the Ballentine Chick‑fil‑A team is celebrating this tenth anniversary with three drive‑thru lanes open throughout the day , an appearance by the Chick‑fil‑A cows, free samples, giveaways, and other birthday fun; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the long and exemplary service that the Ballentine Chick‑fil‑A has provided to the community, and the members celebrate this significant milestone with its exceptional service team. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate the Ballentine Chick‑fil‑A for ten years of outstanding service in the community and wish the members of the service team continued success in the years to come.

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