**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE GERALDINE SINGLETON FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED IN THE SUMTER COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Geraldine Singleton for her valuable service to her community; and

Whereas, now in her seventies, Geraldine Singleton has organized, cooked, and served Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to hundreds in the Sumter community for about thirty-five years. Each meal takes place on the Sunday before the holiday at The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; and

Whereas, the oldest of thirteen children growing up in South Sumter, Mrs. Singleton was originally inspired by her grandmother, who had a gift for hospitality and cooking for the community, and by her own work as a home health aide in the late 1980s, when she began preparing hot meals and delivering them to home‑bound seniors who couldn’t cook; and

Whereas, today, Mrs. Singleton single-handedly organizes these annual holiday feasts. Her preparations every year begin in late October and early November, when she starts shopping for the Thanksgiving dinner; and

Whereas, Mrs. Singleton prepares these holiday meals with the help of her community, including local businesses that donate to the cause, such as Cut Rate Drugs and Coffee Shop, Evergreen Beauty Supply, and Liberty Seafood; The Church of the Holy Comforter, which has allowed Mrs. Singleton to use its large kitchen to cook the turkeys; and about forty volunteers, who bring side dishes, help serve and clean up, and deliver meals to seniors at various independent living and assisted‑living facilities in town; and

Whereas, this past year, Mrs. Singleton cooked fifty turkeys in preparation. Overall, she and her volunteers distributed three hundred boxed meals to homes and prepared about eight hundred total meals; and

Whereas, a woman of faith who relies on her love for people and her trust in God, Mrs. Singleton is a true asset to the Sumter community. The members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate her unfailing compassion and dedicated service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Geraldine Singleton for her many years of serving Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those in need in the Sumter community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Geraldine Singleton.

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