**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with approximately one and one‑half million members in more than forty‑seven thousand clubs all over the world, and the organization is comprised of people who volunteer their time and talents to humanitarian causes; and

Whereas, the Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois by Melvin Jones with the idea of forming a club that would work toward the betterment of the members’ communities and the world; and

Whereas, Lions Clubs activities include general community welfare projects, such as building parks, supporting hospitals and libraries, establishing youth programs, and sponsoring camps for disabled children; health projects, including aid to the blind, diabetes awareness, and drug‑abuse and violence prevention through Lions Quest; and

Whereas, the Lions Clubs are involved in worldwide programs that provide disaster relief, long‑term assistance to those in need, recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids for distribution in developing countries, the fostering of world peace through the International Peace Poster Contest and international youth exchange, and the promotion and knowledge of the United Nations; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, would like to publicly recognize the Lions Clubs of South Carolina for all their services to the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Lions Clubs for their many contributions to the people and the state of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Lions Clubs.

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