**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE KEOWEE KEY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND KEOWEE KEY FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LAKE KEOWEE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Keowee Key as it celebrates fifty years in Oconee County; and

Whereas, Keowee Key is a gated lifestyle community located in Salem, South Carolina; and

Whereas, in January 1972, Realtec announced its master plan for a resort community then known as Lake Keowee Community. Dick Ford, land developer, took over the project in 1974, and renamed it Keowee Key; and

Whereas, by 1976, nine holes of golf opened and there were twelve residents. By 1979, when the Club had its grand opening, two hundred residents attended the gala. In 1987, the membership purchased and began to operate the community under its first Board of Directors; and

Whereas, today Keowee Key is a sixteen hundred‑acre gated community with thirty-two miles of paved roads and fifteen miles of lake shoreline. The community has grown to over sixteen hundred homes and over three thousand members and is governed by a volunteer member Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Keowee Key’s amenity lifestyle includes country club dining, an eighteen‑hole golf course, fitness center, tennis, pickleball, shuffleboard, three pools, three walking trails, and two marinas; and

Whereas, Keowee Key is poised for the future after recently updating all of its amenities, completing a dozen projects in four years with a total investment of sixteen million dollars; and

Whereas, the Keowee Key community will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary over the summer with a variety of activities, culminating in a 50th Gala event at the Club in September; and

Whereas, the residents of Keowee Key have made significant contributions to Oconee County through volunteering their time and talents. Their fifty years of generosity have greatly enriched the community; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate deeply appreciate the dedication and commitment of Keowee Key to serving 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, congratulate Keowee Key upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend Keowee Key for its many years of dedicated service to the Lake Keowee community and the people and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Board of Directors of Keowee Key.

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