**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE ISAAC WILSON PROJECT FOR THE TIRELESS WORK DONE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TO BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE WITHIN COMMUNITIES, AND TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER AS “NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BULLYING AND TO PROMOTE KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION.

Whereas, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

Whereas, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online through technology; and

Whereas, researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

Whereas, targets of bullying are at an increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community activities; and

Whereas, children who bully are at a greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

Whereas, children who witness bullying often feel less safe, helpless to stop it, and intimidated; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives urge citizens of the Palmetto State to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate The Isaac Wilson Project for the tireless work done with young people to bring about positive change within communities, and to recognize October as “National Bullying Prevention Month” in South Carolina in order to raise awareness of bullying and to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

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