**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VISION WALKERS AND ITS FOUNDERS, JASON BELTON AND CRAIG CONWELL, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, with a mission to inspire, educate, and empower marginalized communities, Jason Belton and Craig Conwell founded Vision Walkers in 2016 and have created a pathway for young men and women in street‑level organizations to become productive members of their communities; and

Whereas, although they hailed from very diverse walks of life, these cofounders have been quite successful in combining their networks and resources to combat gentrification in a marginalized area of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, as a result, a coalition of multiple organizations came together to spearhead a leadership team to guide a force on the ground, committed to electrifying and exciting the masses to make this State and nation a government of, for, and by the people; and

Whereas they realized that if the disconnect was bridged between the streets and the suites, it would be an unstoppable political force to empower voters outside of the current two‑party system; and

Whereas, Vision Walkers has built a network of more than one thousand men and women across the State of South Carolina who have helped more than two thousand people find work and more than seven hundred families obtain groceries, have encouraged more than one hundred fifty thousand Black citizens to participate in civic engagement and voting, and have worked with local elected officials to address the issues that impact these vulnerable communities; and

Whereas, Vision Walkers is a grassroots political action organization that seeks to engage the Black electorate strategically and tactically at the intersection of government in order to inspire those that have disengaged from the political arena; and

Whereas, the organization endeavors to create financial stability for disenfranchised communities and members who have not had opportunity by utilizing generated political force to hold our elected officials and community leaders accountable and to make communities safe and decent places to live. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Vision Walkers and its founders, Jason Belton and Craig Conwell, for their outstanding service to marginalized communities across the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jason Belton and Craig Conwell.

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