**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AMPLIFY ACTION FOR ITS VISION TO ENGAGE BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE ACROSS FIVE SOUTHERN STATES IN CIVIC PARTICIPATION.

Whereas, Amplify Action is a nonpartisan organization that cultivates the civic participation and engagement of Black and African American men across South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia; and

Whereas, Amplify Action was founded by South Carolina natives Brandon Upson and Ra Shad Gaines; and

Whereas, Mr. Upson and Mr. Gaines’ vision is to create a fair and just America for the next generation by amplifying the electorate and expanding access to the ballot for Black and African American men across the South; and

Whereas, Amplify Action seeks to bridge the divides in communities through the lens of racial and social justice with a strategic focus on civic education, community empowerment, voter registration, and voter mobilization; and

Whereas, in 2020, Amplify Action registered 29,080 Black and African American men across five Southern states; and

Whereas, in 2020, Amplify Action registered 57,226 Black and African American women across five Southern states; and

Whereas, in 2020, Amplify Action successfully crafted and executed a nonpartisan effort to mobilize more than 450,000 Black and African American voters. 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 Amplify Action for its vision to engage Black and African American people across five Southern states in civic participation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Brandon Upson and Ra Shad Gaines.

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