**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SUMMERVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, in 2022 the Summerville Chamber of Commerce celebrates its one hundredth anniversary of service to the community; and

Whereas, originally formed to champion businesses and local policies that would benefit them, the Summerville Chamber of Commerce has expanded its reach over the past century. Now, it works to advocate and ensure that members’ concerns on local, county, and state issues are heard by legislators; educates the public on the value and necessity of business in Summerville and Dorchester Counties; protects established businesses and establishes new growth; fosters a strong community that encourages businesses and new residents to settle there; supports excellent local public and private schools to provide a well‑trained workforce for the area’s businesses; and promotes Summerville as an excellent place for tourists to visit; and

Whereas, the Summerville Chamber of Commerce has worked diligently year after year, with a few exceptionally notable accomplishments, such as sponsoring the opening of a public golf course in 1951; helping to find a new location for what is now Coastal Center, a special needs children’s hospital; and partnering with Leadership Dorchester program, an eleven month comprehensive study of the political, civic, economic, historic, and social dynamics in partnership with Dorchester County; and

Whereas, in serving the residents in the community, Summerville Chamber of Commerce has given away more than seventy thousand dollars in scholarships to Dorchester County students since 2008. It also has advocated for the one‑cent sales tax that paid for many of the road projects completed locally over the past twenty years; and

Whereas, cognizant of the Summerville Chamber of Commerce’s fine record of service for the past one hundred years, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish to take this time to congratulate them on this momentous milestone. 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 congratulate the Summerville Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and honor the organization for its century of service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Summerville Chamber of Commerce.

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