**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLEEN REED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER COMMUNITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2012 PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE *AIKEN STANDARD*.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Coleen Reed of Aiken County was recognized for her tireless contributions to the life and history of her community and that she was named 2012 Person of the Year by the *Aiken Standard* newspaper; and

Whereas, born into a military family, Coleen Reed was reared in numerous states across the nation where she gained a love of history, and she moved to Aiken in 1996, following her parents who took up residence there in 1968; and

Whereas, largely due to her initiation, several Aiken landmarks have been placed on historic registries; and

Whereas, she was a major contributor in the successful efforts to renew Pine Lawn Cemetery off Hampton Avenue and to document hundreds of the graves, more than one hundred fifty years old, of African Americans interred there; and

Whereas, among her varied and numerous community efforts, she has supported the project to establish a black history museum; and

Whereas, due to her encouragement and efforts, the Farmers' Market in Aiken was revitalized, and the Gaston Livery Stable on Richland Avenue, built around 1893 entirely of locally made brick and one of only five all‑brick barns left in the State, has been preserved and is being restored; and

Whereas, Coleen Reed serves as an active board member of the Aiken Downtown Development Association and has provided substantial assistance to the Aiken County Museum’s Horse Creek documentary and its Hickory‑Shafted Golf Tournament; and

Whereas, among her many volunteer community responsibilities, she gives considerable time and effort to the care of her 85‑year‑old mother and her aunt, who is her mother's twin sister; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the extensive involvement that Coleen Reed has had in the historic preservation and economic development of the City of Aiken and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors. 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 Coleen Reed for outstanding contributions to her community, and congratulate her for being named the 2012 Person of the Year by the *Aiken Standard*.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coleen Reed.

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