**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND REID JOHNSON, COREY DAVIS, SIDNEY EDENFIELD, AND ZELICK LEVY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY’S RICHARD WINN ACADEMY (RWA), WHO UNDER THE NAME “TEAM LILY” SPEARHEADED THE RAISING OF MORE THAN $6,500 TO BENEFIT THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that “Team Lily,” organized and brought into being by four caring Richard Winn Academy students, raised more than $6,500 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and

Whereas, the story of the fundraising effort began when Lily Baggott, a Richard Winn Academy first grader, was diagnosed with leukemia last year. Her mother, Liz Baggott, approached RWA student Reid Johnson with the idea of his participating in the Light the Night Leukemia Walk, which benefits cancer research, and Reid decided to join the effort; and

Whereas, having made the decision to participate, Reid told his best friends, Corey Davis, Sidney Edenfield, and Zelick Levy, who also wanted to reach out in honor of their young friend Lily; and

Whereas, the boys attended an informational meeting at which one of the speakers was Chad Holbrook, University of South Carolina head baseball coach, whose son is a cancer survivor. Hearing from Coach Holbrook inspired the four teens, and they spread the word to others about the annual fundraising event, which was held in October 2012 at Columbia’s Finlay Park; and

Whereas, soon, under the name “Team Lily” the boys formed a group of like‑minded supporters that grew to include the entire RWA varsity football team and a large portion of the surrounding community; and

Whereas, on October 4, 2012, Reid, Corey, Sidney, and Zelick, all RWA senior football captains, traded in their cleats for walking shoes to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Participating in the Light the Night Leukemia Walk, these young men and the rest of “Team Lily” exceeded their stated goal of $2,500 by raising more than $6,500 for cancer research; and

Whereas, “Team Lily” had the largest number of participants at the Columbia‑area walk‑‑one hundred twenty‑‑and Reid, Corey, Sidney, and Zelick learned from their participation how to be “role models for other students, leaders for the adults in the community, and warriors for those who have cancer,” as Reid Johnson says; and

Whereas, because cancer has affected close family members of the four teens who organized the fundraising effort, the walk held great meaning for them; and

Whereas, grateful for the caring spirit of Reid, Corey, Sidney, and Zelick, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting these fine young men for their initiative and hard work in supporting the Light the Night Leukemia Walk, and the members look forward to hearing of their continued achievements in the days ahead. 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 commend Reid Johnson, Corey Davis, Sidney Edenfield, and Zelick Levy of Fairfield County’s Richard Winn Academy (RWA), who under the name “Team Lily” spearheaded the raising of more than $6,500 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Be it further resolved that individual copies of this resolution be provided to Reid Johnson, Corey Davis, Sidney Edenfield, Zelick Levy, and Lily Baggott of Richard Winn Academy.

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