**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE SPARTANBURG CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY, AND TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR WORK TO BENEFIT THEIR COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge the fine work of the Spartanburg Scale Modelers, a charter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) since 1991; and

Whereas, these model enthusiasts promote interest in the hobby of modeling; provide information, data, and assistance to help improve the standards and techniques of modeling; and encourage interest in plastic modeling; and

Whereas, winning an impressive fourteen national awards, the Spartanburg chapter has already traveled to ten swap meets or contest‑conventions in the 2009‑2010 season throughout Tennessee, Ohio, North Carolina, and Georgia; and

Whereas, in June of 2009, Spartanburg hosted its sixteenth contest and convention, “The Double Main Event,” with participants from five states and almost four hundred entries; and

Whereas, this convention held the first ever junior invitational contest for IPMS, which offered thirty six different categories for teens and preteens and boasted forty junior entries; and

Whereas, through their “Make It‑Take It” programs at the Southeastern Children’s Home for abused and neglected children in Duncan, members of Spartanburg Scale Modelers Society have impacted twenty‑five children in their community by donating valuable time and materials; and

Whereas, this year the chapter has already devoted over one hundred hours and almost nine hundred dollars to community needs such as the live and silent auction for the Southeastern Children’s Home, the Wade Sharff 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, and the Toys for Tots program; and

Whereas, at their August meeting, the members presented Korean War veteran Paul Savko with a B‑29 Superfortress scale model which they themselves had built and painted and for which they had purchased the materials; and

Whereas the Spartanburg chapter distributes monthly copies of their newsletter, *The Parchment*, to local hobby shops and regularly advertises its meetings in Spartanburg’s *Herald Journal*; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to acknowledge the fine work and community spirit of the Spartanburg Scale Modelers Society. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize the Spartanburg chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society, and commend them for their work to benefit their community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Spartanburg Scale Modelers Society President Tim Kirkland.

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