**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE CLAIRE KUHL, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2010 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPIONS.

Whereas, with great pleasure the members of the South Carolina Senate honor individuals who give tirelessly of themselves for the benefit of the citizens of this great State; and

Whereas, Claire Kuhl serves as the head of information systems and services for Greenwood’s Park Seed Company, almost a century and a half old, which has become one of the largest mail‑order gardening companies in the country and displays its nine‑acre trial garden annually at the heart of the South Carolina Festival of Flowers; and

Whereas, also successfully running a home‑based management consulting business, Claire Kuhl has become a mentor and esteemed friend to many other business women in her community; and

Whereas, seeing a need that her own business expertise could meet, Claire Kuhl joined forces with Greenwood business women Mamie Nicholson and Phyllis Nolan in 2007 to lead the newly formed Women’s Leadership Council; and

Whereas, the Women’s Leadership Council provides a secure setting for women in the Greenwood community to cultivate their professional and personal development and presents networking opportunities and quarterly meetings featuring seminars and group discussions on topics of special interest to women; and

Whereas, with over one hundred members, the Women’s Leadership Council offers a truly diverse association in a noncompetitive atmosphere for sharing ideas that can empower business women for success; and

Whereas, in recognition of the work of Claire Kuhl with the Women’s Leadership Council, the Small Business Administration named her a recipient of the 2010 Women in Business Champions award; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the contributions of Claire Kuhl to the business women of Greenwood County and for the pride and recognition she has brought to her community and State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Claire Kuhl, and commend her for being selected for the 2010 Small Business Administration’s Women in Business Champions.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Claire Kuhl.

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