**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE BEAUFORT COUNTY’S CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION, AND TO COMMEND MRS. SUSAN CATO FOR TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS ITS FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mrs. Susan Cato has served with enthusiasm and distinction for twenty‑five years as the founder and executive director for the Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) of Beaufort County; and

Whereas, conducting outreach throughout Beaufort County, CAPA provides vital child‑abuse‑prevention information, such as personal safety and child‑abuse‑awareness programs for elementary school children; and

Whereas, as well as programs for older children and teens, CAPA offers positive parenting programs and support groups; and

Whereas, twenty‑five years ago, CAPA established the Open Arms Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children to serve children of Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, and Allendale counties; and

Whereas, the four thousand six hundred square‑foot shelter has sixteen beds and provides protective shelter for children and youth from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds who have been taken into protective custody because of abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the vital services that Beaufort County’s CAPA provides for some of our most vulnerable and cherished citizens, and honor the twenty‑five years of devoted leadership that Mrs. Susan Cato has provided to this organization. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and recognize Beaufort County’s Child Abuse Prevention Association, and commend Mrs. Susan Cato for twenty‑five years of dedicated service as its founder and executive director.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Susan Cato.

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