**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE LEADERSHIP BEAUFORT UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE IMPACT IT HAS MADE ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Leadership Beaufort under the direction of Connie Hipp will celebrate twenty‑five years of training leaders in Beaufort County on June 12, 2010; and

Whereas, founded in 1985 by local attorney W. Brantley Harvey, Jr., *Beaufort Gazette* editor Jim Cato, Tom Potts of the Clemson Extension Service, and Frank Gibson, president of the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Beaufort introduces participants to all the people and agencies that have to do with the county; and

Whereas, classes for Leadership Beaufort average twenty people of various ages, races, and professions and begin every fall with a weekend retreat in September, continue with meetings on the first Friday of every month, and end with another retreat in May; and

Whereas, class discussions range from history, the environment, the economy, public and health services to education and government, and participants are introduced to diverse area leaders and visit a variety of places; and

Whereas, a graduate of Leadership Beaufort, Connie Hipp has been the long‑time co‑director of the program with the assistance of other co‑directors, and she has provided vital guidance to assist established and emerging leaders in Beaufort; and

Whereas, now one of Beaufort’s most prestigious organizations, Leadership Beaufort connects participants with prominent civic, business, and governmental leaders to provide in‑depth views of cultural, economic, historic, social, educational, and governmental resources; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the success of Leadership Beaufort and for the dedicated work and leadership that Connie Hipp has given to her community and to our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Leadership Beaufort upon the occasion of its twenty‑fifth anniversary and honor the impact it has made on the community and the State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Connie Hipp.

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