**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DAISY UNIFORMS OF GREENWOOD ON BEING NAMED THE 2012 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY‑OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE CO‑OWNER JASON BOWEN ON THE OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP THAT EARNED DAISY UNIFORMS THE AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Daisy Uniforms of Greenwood has been named the 2012 Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeffrey Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for South Carolina; and

Whereas, Daisy Uniforms was selected for the SBA Butland award based on its history of growth and demonstrated potential for continued success; and

Whereas, in March 2010, Jason and Stefanie Bowen took over The Daisy Uniform Shop from Jason’s parents, Emory and Pat. The elder Bowens had started the business in 1976 after Pat, working as a secretary at the old Self Memorial Hospital, heard co‑workers complaining about the lack of a local uniform shop. Business started off strong and got even better with the development of a loyal client base and strategic partnerships with area medical practices. In the mid 1980s, the growing store moved to its current downtown location; and

Whereas, Jason Bowen joined his parents’ business after graduating from Lander University. Although he later moved on to a job with one of the shop’s top uniform suppliers, that didn’t stop Emory and Pat from seeing Jason and his wife, Stefanie, as the most qualified candidates to take over the business some day. In fact, Stefanie’s previous retail and marketing experience made her an ideal choice to run the shop’s day‑to‑day operations. By 2010, Pat and Emory were ready to retire and pass on the family business to their son and daughter‑in‑law, and Jason and Stefanie were ready to start a new chapter of their lives as business owners; and

Whereas, with the new owners came new ideas and innovations. Jason and Stefanie shortened the shop’s name to Daisy Uniforms and created a sleek new logo. They also implemented a new computer system to track inventory and sales, and Stefanie modernized the store’s appearance. On July 27, 2011, Jason and Stefanie held a ribbon‑cutting ceremony celebrating Daisy Uniforms’ grand reopening after thirty‑five years in business; and

Whereas, recognizing the excellence of the company’s example to other small‑business entrepreneurs, the Senate takes great pleasure in honoring Daisy Uniforms for winning the prestigious SBA Butland award for 2012 and wishes the company every future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Daisy Uniforms of Greenwood on being named the 2012 Small Business Administration Jeffrey Butland Family‑Owned Business of the Year for South Carolina and congratulate co‑owner Jason Bowen on the outstanding entrepreneurship that earned Daisy Uniforms the award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jason Bowen.

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