**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE SIXTY‑SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS’ WIVES AND MINISTERS’ WIDOWS STATE CONVENTION, TO BE HELD IN ORANGEBURG APRIL 8‑9, 2011, AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the sixty‑sixth annual South Carolina Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows State Convention will be hosted this year by its Orangeburg Alliance at the Family Life Center in Orangeburg from Friday, April 8, 2011, through Saturday, April 9, 2011, at which time it will honor its annual Minister’s Wife of the Year and Minister’s Widow of the Year recipients for their outstanding contributions to their church, community, and local chapter; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows (SCAMWMW), which holds membership in the International Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows, Inc., provides educational workshops for ministers’ wives, ministers’ widows, and husbands that impact clergy families and that impact church ministries; and

Whereas, the overall purposes of the organization are to unite ministers’ wives and ministers’ widows of various Christian denominations into one Christian fellowship; sponsor an annual conference that provides information, inspiration, and problem‑solving skill development; cultivate international good will, develop stronger interpersonal relationships, and foster a more effective communication network; promote cultural exchange with ministers’ wives and widows around the world; and function as a Christian non‑profit corporation and implement the Christian and charitable purposes of the corporation; and

Whereas, local alliances of SCAMWMW are actively involved in community service projects on the local, state, and national levels; and

Whereas, each year, a monetary contribution is presented to a charitable organization from SCAMWMW. The organization is chosen from the city in which the state convention is held, in the case of this year’s convention, Orangeburg, which has an SCAMWMW alliance membership of twenty‑five ministers’ wives and ministers’ widows and is one of fourteen alliances in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals and groups like SCAMWMW who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the sixty‑sixth annual South Carolina Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows State Convention, to be held in Orangeburg April 8‑9, 2011, and commend the organization for its many years of service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the South Carolina Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows.

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