**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE CHILDREN’S TRUST OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPON BEING NAMED A SEMIFINALIST IN LODESTAR FOUNDATION’S 2011 COLLABORATION PRIZE.

Whereas, The Children’s Trust of South Carolina has been selected as a semifinalist for the 2011 Collaboration Prize created by The Lodestar Foundation, an organization dedicated to maximizing the growth and impact of philanthropy; and

Whereas, each of the twenty semifinalists, chosen from more than 800 submissions, represents a successful collaboration created between two or more nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, The Children’s Trust of South Carolina is the state’s only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse, neglect, and unintentional injuries; and

Whereas, The Children’s Trust focuses its resources on public awareness, grant distribution, prevention trainings, and advancing effective evidence based public policies; and

Whereas, three organizations merged in October 2008 to form The Children’s Trust of South Carolina: Members of the Board of Directors for The Children’s Trust Fund of South Carolina, Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina, and Voices for South Carolina’s Children; and

Whereas, in January 2010, Safe Kids South Carolina joined the merged organization, completing the merger of four organizations creating a unified voice for children and families in South Carolina; and

Whereas, it is fitting for the members of the Senate to pause in their deliberations to honor the contributions of this distinguished organization. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize The Children’s Trust of South Carolina upon being named a semifinalist in Lodestar Foundation’s 2011 Collaboration Prize.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Children’s Trust of South Carolina.

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