**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIFE OF KENDRA GADDIE WITH THE PASSAGE OF ACT 292, ALSO KNOWN AS “KENDRA’S LAW”.

Whereas, Governor Mark Sanford signed into law on August 27, 2010, Act 292, S. 348, also known as “Kendra’s Law,” a bill that mandates two hours of training for South Carolina child care operators and caregivers; and

Whereas, the law is named for Kendra Evangeline Gaddie, a Columbia girl still recovering from brain bleeding caused by a slap from her caretaker in March 2008 when she was just six months old; and

Whereas, tests found brain and retinal hemorrhaging, indicating Kendra also had been violently shaken; and

Whereas, the new law requires that in‑home day care providers complete training and report it to the Department of Social Services; and

Whereas in‑home day cares comprise by far the largest number of day care facilities in the State and are the least regulated; and

Whereas, the new law is a significant step in regulating in‑home child care facilities in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the life of Kendra Gaddie with the passage of Act 292, also known as “Kendra’s Law.”

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Kendra Gaddie.

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