**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AFFILIATES AND TO HONOR THESE AGENCIES FOR CONTINUING TO FOSTER STRONGER FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN OUR STATE AND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP FOR SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILIES, AND TO DECLARE MAY 22, 2014, “HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA”.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Habitat for Humanity has helped change the lives of thousands of South Carolina residents; and

Whereas, because a lack of decent, affordable housing forces low‑income families to live in substandard rental conditions, often in dangerous neighborhoods, Habitat for Humanity assists in the provision of affordable homeownership for those working residents who could not ordinarily afford to purchase a home; and

Whereas, through affordable, energy‑efficient home construction for low‑income families, Habitat for Humanity aims to eliminate poverty housing and the social and economic blight it fosters; and

Whereas, through donations of labor, money, and materials, the homes built by Habitat for Humanity and its volunteers are truly affordable homes, and because families work to build their homes and the homes of others, they receive interest‑free mortgages; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity strengthens the lives of current and future generations by providing affordable and sustainable homeownership opportunities through partnerships with the community in order to serve qualified families; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the diligent work of Habitat for Humanity, teaching and setting an outstanding example through South Carolinians who meet the needs of their community by working toward a common goal. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Habitat For Humanity of South Carolina affiliates and honor these agencies for continuing to foster stronger families and neighborhoods in our State and for their commitment to providing sustainable homeownership for South Carolina families, and to declare May 22, 2014, “Habitat for Humanity Day in South Carolina”.

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