**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ABBEVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to congratulate Abbeville County for being honored by the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) with the Risk Management Award; and

Whereas, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, SCAC boasts a membership that includes all forty‑six of the state’s counties and is the only organization that represents county governments in the State; and

Whereas, SCAC provides the county governments with research and technical assistance; education and training; legal assistance; policy development, advocacy, and legislative information; publications, including a magazine and newsletter; meetings and conferences; public information, including an annual directory and website; and financial services, including the South Carolina Counties Workers’ Compensation Trust and the South Carolina Counties Property and Liability Trust; and

Whereas, Abbeville County was honored on January 29, 2015, with the first place award for prompt reporting of claims to the South Carolina Property and Liability Trust by the South Carolina Counties Workers’ Compensation Trust and the South Carolina Counties Property and Liability Trust at their annual Insurance Trusts Membership Meeting in Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, Abbeville County has provided outstanding service to its citizens by having a strong risk management program, which is essential to preserve county assets and protect its citizens; and

Whereas, by promptly reporting claims, Abbeville County allows for proper investigation, quick return of county equipment to service, and quick and fair handling of citizens’ claims against the county; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the significant contributions that Abbeville County Emergency Medical Service makes on behalf of its citizens, and the members look forward to hearing of its continued achievements in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Abbeville County for its outstanding service to the citizens of South Carolina and congratulate the Abbeville County Emergency Medical Service for receiving the prestigious Risk Management Award from the South Carolina Association of Counties.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dan Evett, Abbeville County Fire Marshal.

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