**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE HUBERT SMOAK FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SELFLESS ACTIONS WHICH BENEFIT HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to pause in their deliberations to recognize individuals who devote themselves to improving the Palmetto State. Hubert Smoak, a resident of the Midlands, is one such person; and

Whereas, Hubert Smoak, after ten years of selling medical equipment, recognized that uninsured and underinsured residents in his community had unmet medical needs. Understanding there was no other organization in place to assist these residents, Mr. Smoak took it upon himself to found MedNeed of SC in 2008. Through this charitable organization, he collects and redistributes medical supplies, as well as raises funds for charitable efforts through various events and grant writing; and

Whereas, after receiving his first grant from the Lexington Medical Center Foundation, Mr. Smoak was able to help sixty people. Since that time, his grant funding has quadrupled, and he is on track to assist over eight hundred South Carolinians this year; and

Whereas, especially in times of great need, we look to individuals like Mr. Smoak who step forward to selflessly serve others. The impact of his work can be life changing for those who reap the benefits of his efforts and can inspire likeminded action in others; and

Whereas, appreciative of the commitment and selflessness Hubert Smoak has bestowed on this great State, particularly his home community in the Midlands, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives take great pleasure in thanking him for his service and wishing him well as he continues to seek ways to benefit 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 and congratulate Hubert Smoak for his dedication and service to the people of South Carolina and thank him for his selfless actions which benefit his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Hubert Smoak.

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