**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DARNALL AND SUSAN BOYD OF THE DARNALL W. AND SUSAN F. BOYD FOUNDATION FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MIDLANDS OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE FOUNDATION AND HISTORIC COLUMBIA ON THE OPENING OF THE BOYD FOUNDATION HORTICULTURAL CENTER AT THE HAMPTON‑PRESTON MANSION AND GARDENS IN COLUMBIA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to salute Darnall and Susan Boyd of the Darnall W. and Susan F. Boyd Foundation for their commitment to serving the Midlands of the Palmetto State, a commitment that long has been a blessing to multitudes, young and old alike. The members also take great pleasure in celebrating a recent fruit of the Boyds’ labors: the March 13, 2022, opening of the Boyd Foundation Horticultural Center, a state‑of‑the‑art greenhouse located at the Hampton‑Preston Mansion and Gardens in Columbia. The greenhouse and an ancillary gatehouse project are based on historic structures that once stood on the property; and

Whereas, the late Darnall Boyd, a Columbia businessman, and his wife, Susan, a descendant of the founders of the City of Columbia, formed the Darnall W. and Susan F. Boyd Foundation, Inc., in 2010. The foundation focuses on the promotion of projects of specific interest to the Boyd family in the areas of education, beautification, creation of outdoor recreational opportunities, wildlife enhancement, and the propagation and enhancement of quality of life for the citizens of Columbia and the Midlands. The foundation is integrally involved in all aspects of the projects it underwrites, including project scope, design, contracting, bidding, and construction oversight; and

Whereas, past and present Boyd Foundation projects include the new aquarium and reptile center at Riverbanks Zoo, the greenhouse and gatehouse at the Hampton‑Preston Mansion, the Sanctuary at Boyd Island, the Taylor House, the Boyd Living Shoreline, and the addition at Sandhills School. Further, the Boyd Foundation sponsors the Boyd Scholars Program at Clemson University, the Darnall W. Boyd, Jr., Scholarship at Washington and Lee University, and the Boyd Scholarship Program at Sandhills School; and

Whereas, through its investment of more than four million dollars to date, the Boyd Foundation has powered Historic Columbia’s transformation of the Hampton‑Preston site into one of the most dynamic public gardens in the region. This newest gift from the Boyd Foundation allows Historic Columbia to take the next step in a decades‑long vision to transform this historic site into a hub for horticultural research and plant propagation, alongside the ongoing interpretation and programming; and

Whereas, on Friday, March 11, 2022, Susan Boyd will be honored at a welcome reception prior to Historic Columbia’s sixtieth anniversary celebration, which will be held at the new horticultural center; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for Darnall and Susan Boyd’s consistent generosity, extended in such a way that it will give enjoyment to generations of South Carolinians yet to be born, as well as to the present generation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Darnall and Susan Boyd of the Darnall W. and Susan F. Boyd Foundation for their many years of service to the Midlands of this great State and congratulate the foundation and Historic Columbia on the opening of the Boyd Foundation Horticultural Center at the Hampton‑Preston Mansion and Gardens in Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Susan Boyd.

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