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A senate RESOLUTION

TO congratulate Children’s Trust of South Carolina upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary and commend the organization for its many years of dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Children’s Trust of South Carolina as it celebrates this important milestone; and

Whereas, the 1970s and 1980s were a time of rising awareness about the plight of vulnerable children and the fragility of many families, and this awareness led to efforts to prevent child maltreatment and to the formation of community‑based, public‑private partnerships; and

Whereas, by the 1980s, concerned citizens across South Carolina organized numerous local public‑private partnerships, started regional nonprofit organizations to prevent child maltreatment, and created family support services; and

Whereas, in 1984, South Carolina House of Representative members Parker Evatt, David Beasley, and David Wilkins introduced H3286. This legislation established Children’s Trust Fund of South Carolina and provided a way for citizens to contribute to the fund through their state income tax returns; and

Whereas, the legislation passed out of both the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives, sending the ratified bill to Governor Richard Riley for his signature, which was made on April 23, 1984; and

Whereas, in 2008, three statewide child advocacy and child abuse prevention organizations, Voices for South Carolina’s Children, Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina and Children’s Trust Fund of South Carolina, merged and work today under the name Children’s Trust of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the purpose of the trust fund is to award grants to private nonprofit organizations and qualified state agencies to stimulate a broad range of innovative child abuse and neglect prevention programs that meet the critical needs of South Carolina’s children. The trust fund provides funding to fifty‑six organizations throughout South Carolina; and

Whereas, the organization continues to lead prevention innovations such as home visiting, family resource centers, protective factor training, family strengthening programs, parenting education, child and family well‑being data collection, Child Abuse Prevention Month programming, and parent partnership; and

Whereas, the organization is seen as a leader among its peers across the nation as the state representative for Prevent Child Abuse America, Children’s Trust Fund Alliance, and the Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT project; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of Children’s Trust of South Carolina to serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Children’s Trust of South Carolina upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary and commend the organization for its many years of dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the CEO of Children’s Trust of South Carolina, Sue Williams.

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