**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. MICHAELS COUNCIL NUMBER 8980 OF SURFSIDE BEACH AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND WELCOME THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT E. GUGLIELMONE, BISHOP OF CHARLESTON, AS THE HONOREE OF THEIR TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13, 2010.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the St. Michael’s Council Number 8980 of the Knights of Columbus in Surfside Beach will celebrate its twenty‑fifth anniversary on June 13, 2010, with the Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone as the honoree of their twenty-fifth anniversary celebration; and

Whereas, on March 29, 1882, the Connecticut Legislature officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to one million eight hundred thousand members in more than thirteen thousand councils worldwide; and

Whereas, on April 30, 1985, the pastor of St. Michaels Church, Father Edmund McCaffrey, and several other Catholic leaders, founded Council Number 8980, and in twenty‑five years it has grown from forty‑six members to two hundred eighty‑five members; and

Whereas, consistent with the Order’s founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, Council 8980 has raised over two hundred fifty thousand dollars to help St. Michaels Church, as well as children’s education through scholarships, special‑needs children, families in need, hurricane victims, and seminarians; and

Whereas, St. Michaels Council also provides financial assistance to numerous local and national charities such as Right to Life, American Red Cross, and Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, members have given more than eighty thousand hours of volunteer service to the church and to the community, which is an average of eight hours a day for twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the dedication and service of the St. Michaels Council 8980 of the Knights of Columbus to their church and community and wish them many more years of joyous outreach and service as they celebrate this wonderful occasion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Knights of Columbus, St. Michaels Council Number 8980 of Surfside Beach as they celebrate their twenty‑fifth anniversary, and acknowledge and welcome The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston as the honoree of their twenty‑fifth anniversary celebration scheduled for June 13, 2010.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to St. Michael’s Council Number 8980 of Surfside Beach.

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