**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CLUB’S CENTURY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor organizations that freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, founded March 27, 1911, in Detroit, Michigan, by businessmen who wanted to “exchange” ideas, the National Exchange Club moved its headquarters to Toledo, Ohio, in 1917. For the past one hundred years, its volunteer efforts have supported the needs of the country and of local communities, making it the country’s oldest American service organization operating exclusively in the United States; and

Whereas, the National Exchange Club’s volunteers work together to make their communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, community service, youth activities, and its national project, the prevention of child abuse; and

Whereas, this fine organization, which maintains on its roster seven hundred clubs and more than twenty‑two thousand members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, hosts twenty Exchange Clubs throughout South Carolina with a total of nearly one thousand members; and

Whereas, because experience teaches that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation’s social problems and that volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive city, State, and nation, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the selfless dedication of service organizations like the National Exchange Club. 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 the National Exchange Club on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary, and express their gratitude for the club’s century of community service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Exchange Club.

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