**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ISLE OF PALMS EXCHANGE CLUB FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, ITS SUPPORT OF STUDENTS IN THE AREA, AND ITS WORK TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE.

Whereas, the National Exchange Club organization was founded by Charles A. Berkey in the early 1900s. The name “exchange” was chosen because the organization was meant to be a place where people could exchange ideas and information on how to better serve their communities. The first club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, in 1911, and many clubs followed their lead. Today, more than 28,000 individuals committed to making their communities a better place to live are involved in exchange clubs; and

Whereas, the Isle of Palms Exchange Club was established in 1948. Throughout its history, the club has been actively involved in the development of Isle of Palms; and

Whereas, early in its history, the club provided the first means of mosquito control to the island residents, financed and staffed the island’s first fire wagon, and later organized the first fire department. They also built a playground for children, donated street signs, sponsored the construction of an airport, and supported the first church on the island; and

Whereas, the Isle of Palms Exchange Club hosts an oyster roast annually that benefits students in the area. The club gives approximately $10,000 in scholarships to area students each year. They also organize a run that benefits organizations who are dedicated to the prevention of child abuse. In addition to these events, the club works in partnership with many other organizations; and

Whereas, grateful for the impact that the Isle of Palms Exchange Club has had and continues to have in its community, the members of the Senate are pleased to honor them for their outstanding service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Isle of Palms Exchange Club for its outstanding service to the community, its support of students in the area, and its work to prevent child abuse.

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

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