**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE CHAPIN GARDEN CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUED ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the Chapin Garden Club (CGC) will celebrate its eightieth anniversary on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church. The club holds the proud distinction of being the oldest volunteer organization in Chapin; and

Whereas, the CGC’s purpose is to promote the love of gardening, protection of the environment, including trees, flowers, waterways, and wildlife, and to encourage civic beauty; and

Whereas, the group was organized by six women on March 23, 1938, with Mrs. Alvin Frick serving as the first president. The initial goal of the organization was to beautify Chapin. The CGC became federated with the Garden Club of South Carolina in 1945 when Miss Eve Summer was serving as president; and

Whereas, membership is open to anyone who has a love of gardening and wishes to share that passion with the community. Monthly meetings are held to conduct club business and to present and enjoy garden‑related educational activities and programs; and

Whereas, the CGC is currently involved with developing a “Chapin Garden Club Neighborhood Bluebird Trail.” The club is providing community education on the topic and encouraging individual citizens to participate by putting bluebird nesting boxes on their property; and

Whereas, the group boasts such current and ongoing projects as maintaining the Carolina Fence Garden at the Chapin Chamber, maintaining library urns, planting at least one tree every Arbor Day, delivering flower arrangements to residents at Generations, a local assisted‑living complex, participating in community‑wide projects such as the Chapin Community Service Day, providing flower arrangements for town events and celebrations as requested, and providing an educational display at the library each June in observance of National Garden Week; and

Whereas, CGC members maintain their own individual “backyard wildlife habitats,” and CGC is responsible for further assisting in the maintenance of wildlife habitats with a successful campaign to educate and encourage community members to join in the effort. CGC also tags storm drains in the surrounding neighborhoods in an effort to assist in water conservation by educating citizens that disposing of materials into drains damages streams, rivers, and lakes; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of South Carolina are grateful for the eighty years of conservation efforts the Chapin Garden Club has put forth and for their assistance in furthering the beautification of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor the Chapin Garden Club on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary and wish the organization continued environmental success for many years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Chapin Garden Club.

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