**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE ROTARY CLUB OF SUMMERVILLE UPON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE CLUB’S SEVENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE SUMMERVILLE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

Whereas, chartered on February 27, 1947, the Rotary Club of Summerville is one of the oldest service clubs in Summerville; and

Whereas, after the charter for the club was presented on April 11, 1947, the Rotary Club of Summerville held its first independent meeting as a club on April 18, 1947, and the Curve Inn served as its first meeting place; and

Whereas, now meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn‑Low Country Conference Center, Rotary Club of Summerville has approximately one hundred members, one of the largest clubs in District 7770; and

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Summerville has sponsored and started three additional clubs, including the Summerville Evening Rotary Club, the St. George Rotary Club, and the Oakbrook Breakfast Club; and

Whereas, without exception, Rotary’s motto, “Service Above Self” is followed in the Rotary Club of Summerville as exemplified in numerous community projects, such as assisting the Town of Summerville account for donations of goods and services in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, the Aluminum Can Recycling Project reducing the area of approximately 18,885,640 aluminum cans, establishing little libraries to support literacy, stocking Summerville Blessing Boxes to fight hunger, sponsoring the first Town of Summerville July 4th Fireworks Show, helping rebuild the stage amphitheater at Azalea Park, installing new entrance signage to Summerville at BGM Parkway and North Main Street, sponsoring various other events to fight hunger locally and nationally, and sponsoring new renovations at McKissick Field with the installation of a Rotary clock; and

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Summerville awards about seven thousand dollars in annual scholarships to local students and has awarded some thirty thousand dollars annually in grants to various local charitable entities; and

Whereas, about twenty‑five members of the Rotary Club of Summerville have been chosen to serve in higher Rotary offices, two as district governors and five as assistant governors; and

Whereas, several members have served as elected officials of the city, county, or State, and some twenty to thirty have served on boards or are serving for non‑profits or other entities in the community or State; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in celebrating with the members of the Rotary Club of Summerville as they celebrate three quarters of a century of exemplary service to others in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and congratulate the members of the Rotary Club of Summerville upon the commemoration of the club’s seventy‑fifth anniversary of service to the Summerville community and beyond.

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

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