**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE HEROIC INTERVENTION OF MARGARET ANNE “MAGGIE” BIDDLE OF COLUMBIA, WHO GAVE LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE WESTON NEWTON ON NOVEMBER 27, 2021, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER QUICK ACTION IN RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY.

Whereas, on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at the Palmetto Bowl, State Representative Weston Newton of Beaufort began choking on food. Someone nearby called for any doctors in the Board of Trustees Suite to come downstairs, but no doctors were immediately available; and

Whereas, in response to the call, Margaret Anne “Maggie” Biddle, a medical ICU nurse at Prisma Richland and a graduate of the University of South Carolina, ran downstairs to see if she could help. She found Representative Newton blue and unresponsive while having the Heimlich maneuver performed on him; and

Whereas, taking control of the situation, Maggie Biddle told those standing by to lay him down so she could perform chest compressions, since his need had reached that point. She performed chest compressions on him for several minutes until medics arrived; and

Whereas, the House is pleased to hear that Weston Newton is recovering well from his ordeal; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, grateful for the efforts of Maggie Biddle and other Good Samaritans who helped save Representative Newton’s life, take much pleasure in adding their praise to the many encomiums deservedly extended to them for their lifesaving work. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the heroic intervention of Margaret Anne “Maggie” Biddle of Columbia, who gave lifesaving assistance to State Representative Weston Newton on November 27, 2021, and commend her for her quick action in responding to the emergency.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Margaret Anne “Maggie” Biddle.

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