**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE COLUMBIA (SC) CHAPTER OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC., AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST SEVENTY YEARS, AND TO EXTEND SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Columbia (SC) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is celebrating its seventieth year of service. It is therefore particularly appropriate at this time to highlight Jack and Jill’s notable achievements and underscore its positive impact on the citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas, since 1938, it has been the objective of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., to “create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate growth and development and provide children constructive educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational, and social programs.” That dedication remains today as this nonprofit membership organization continues to work toward improving quality of life, particularly for all African American children; and

Whereas, at Jack and Jill’s founding in January 1938, Marion Stubbs Thomas organized a group of twenty‑one mothers in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the idea of establishing a social and cultural union for their children. Jack and Jill aims to prepare its members for a valuable adulthood by ingraining leadership qualities; and

Whereas, each chapter plans annual programming activities guided under a general five‑point programmatic thrust: cultural awareness, educational development, health (education and advocacy), civic (legislative advocacy and service), and social/recreational areas; and

Whereas, through service projects, Jack and Jill of America creates a medium of contact for children to stimulate their growth and development. Through lobbying, educational programming, dissemination of educational materials, and the organization of community and charitable events, Jack and Jill has promoted the public awareness and interests of children, including child development, child growth, child quality of life, childcare, and the promotion of children’s rights; and

Whereas, today, Jack and Jill boasts two hundred fifty‑two chapters nationwide and represents more than forty thousand family members. The Columbia (SC) Chapter was chartered in 1951 and has been an integral part of the city’s fabric and a contributor to a myriad of local charities since its inception; and

Whereas, grateful for its service to the people of South Carolina, most particularly those of Columbia, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the Columbia (SC) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on its seventieth anniversary, and the members salute the organization for its fine record of accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Columbia (SC) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., at the celebration of its seventieth anniversary, commend the organization for its outstanding achievements over the past seventy years, and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Columbia (SC) Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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