

Commendation

WHEREAS, Callawassie Island, a community of approximately 800 residents, has been raising the level of awareness among its residents through the promotion of the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Program; and

WHEREAS, Callawassie Island is home to a number of endangered species, including Wood Storks, West Indian Manatees, Short-nose Sturgeon and Brown Pelicans; and

WHEREAS, when the project began in April 2005, there were only four of the Island's backyards that had been certified as Backyard Wildlife Habitats. Today there are over 91 certified Backyard Wildlife Habitats; and

WHEREAS, many community programs such as the Bluebird Nest Monitoring Program, Salt-Marsh Die Back Program, Save-a-Snake Program, Healthy Ponds Initiative, Adopt-a-Highway Program and Wildlife Habitat Preservation Program have contributed towards the Island's goal of becoming certified; and

WHEREAS, Callawassie Island is the 15th certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the nation, and the first in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Beaufort County Council hereby commends Callawassie Island as the recipient of the National Wildlife Federation's certification as the

"First Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in South Carolina"

Dated this 10th of May, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

