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A senate RESOLUTION

TO recognize the eightieth celebration of Appalachian Square Dances at Oconee State Park.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the eightieth celebration of Appalachian Square Dances at Oconee State Park on June 28, 2024; and

Whereas, these summer Friday night dances began in 1944 in the dining hall of the park, facilitated by employees of the park. Running almost continuously since then, the dances outgrew the dining hall, and The Barn was built in 1975 at the park; and

Whereas, Curtis Blackwell and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys have played for dances at the Barn ever since, with Calling by the late Jack Lombard and late Ray Queen, among others, Mark Vissage currently Calling; and

Whereas, this celebration is organized and facilitated by Oconee STOMP, which is an initiative to promote, educate, and support traditional Appalachian Clogging and Appalachian Square Dancing in Oconee County. Oconee STOMP will kick off in May and be a lasting connector for those supporting this traditional dance in Oconee County; and

Whereas, Oconee STOMP directors Caroline Hoadley and Karen Moore are coordinating an exhibition dance by the original Oconee State Park Cloggers, the park employees who danced, performed variety shows, and played music back in the dining hall dance days. There will be book giveaways that night as well, courtesy of Oconee STOMP; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of Oconee STOMP to serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize the eightieth celebration of Appalachian Square Dances at Oconee State Park.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Oconee STOMP directors, Caroline Hoadley and Karen Moore.

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