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**S. 1111**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Senators Alexander, O'Dell, Pinckney, Lourie, Hayes and Kimpson

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Summary: Mental Health Month

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/12/2014 Senate Referred to Committee on **Invitations** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-12-14.docx))

3/19/2014 Senate Polled out of committee **Finance** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-19-14.docx))

3/19/2014 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Invitations** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-19-14.docx))

3/25/2014 Senate Adopted, sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 58](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-25-14.docx))

3/26/2014 House Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\03-26-14.docx))

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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March 19, 2014

**S. 1111**

Introduced by Senators Alexander, O’Dell, Pinckney and Lourie

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Read the first time March 12, 2014.

**THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 1111) to designate the month of May 2014 as “Mental Health Month” in South Carolina and to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

Has polled the Concurrent Resolution out majority favorable.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in South Carolina to increase our state’s understanding and acceptance of mental illnesses; and

Whereas, mental health is critical to the well‑being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, mental illness affects people regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health observes Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illness, and discrimination against people with mental illnesses; and

Whereas, the General Assembly commends the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for its difficult task of educating the public about the often misunderstood issue of mental illness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, designate the month of May 2014 as “Mental Health Month” in South Carolina and raise community awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

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