**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE APRIL 10, 2013, “YORK COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, nestled between the Broad River on the west and the Catawba River on the east in the state’s hardy Piedmont, York County is home to such jewels as Historic Brattonsville and illustrious Winthrop University; and

Whereas, with more than 230,528 South Carolina citizens, York County constitutes nearly 5 percent of the state’s total population; and

Whereas, York County is one of the state’s fastest growing counties, with an average annual growth rate of 4 percent and a cumulative growth of 37 percent over the past ten years; and

Whereas, the estimated assessment of real and manufacturing property in York County exceeded $743 million, which is nearly a 1.2 percent increase over 2012 and represents approximately 3.5 percent of the state’s total assessment of real and manufacturing property; and

Whereas, the state’s eighth‑highest‑producing county in retail sales, York County provides 3.4 percent of South Carolina’s total output in that area; and

Whereas, attractions such as Carowinds draw a myriad of visitors from all over North and South Carolina, and events like the Clover Scottish Games and Scotch Irish Festival and the South Carolina Strawberry Festival in Fort Mill showcase the warm hospitality and natural beauty of the county; and

Whereas, the citizens of York County passed their own one‑cent sales tax in 1997, again in 2003, and yet again in 2011 to collect $161 million, bringing the total tax to be collected to $433 million. These funds will pay for critical road improvements, which will enhance the efficiency of the state’s road system; and

Whereas, appreciative of York County’s fine preservation of its past, as well as its judicious eye to the present and future, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting York County. 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, recognize York County as a vital part of the Palmetto State, and declare April 10, 2013, “York County Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the four chambers of commerce in York County.

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