**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ORANGEBURG NATIVE AND ATTORNEY JAIME R. HARRISON ON BEING ELECTED THE NEW SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN.

Whereas, on Saturday, May 4, 2013, state Democrats elected Orangeburg native and attorney Jaime R. Harrison their new chairman in an uncontested race, giving him the historic distinction of being the first African‑American to lead South Carolina’s Democratic Party; and

Whereas, born and raised in Orangeburg, Jaime Harrison is a first‑generation college graduate. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Yale University and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. After graduating from Yale, he returned to Orangeburg‑Wilkinson High School to teach social studies for a year; and

Whereas, he interned with former U.S. Senator Fritz Hollings and U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn, which led to his becoming the executive director of the U.S. House Democratic Caucus. He is now a Democratic strategist at the Podesta Group, a government relations firm based in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, in his position with the Podesta Group, Mr. Harrison draws on his mastery of the legislative process to help clients maneuver complex congressional alignments related to transportation and infrastructure issues, among others. In addition to his work on behalf of clients on Capitol Hill, he provides strategic and political guidance to clients based or doing work in South Carolina; and

Whereas, widely recognized for his work, he was six times named one of *Roll Call*’s “Fabulous Fifty Movers and Shakers Behind the Scenes on Capitol Hill” and listed as one of *The* *Hill*’s “35 Stellar Staffers Under 35.” In 2010, *The Root* Web magazine included him on its list of one hundred “emerging and established African‑American leaders who are making extraordinary contributions.” He was also dubbed one of the “Top 40 Lawyers Under 40” by the National Bar Association and Impact D.C.; and

Whereas, Jaime Harrison has appeared as a political strategist on CNN, MSNBC, and ATN’s *American Dream*. He is a regular guest lecturer for the Brookings Institute and the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education Leadership Institute’s Political Training Boot Camp. In 2009, he served as a lecturer for the Harvard Kennedy School’s Black Policy Conference. He has developed and conducted a small business development seminar and provided legal technical assistance to small business owners in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, before entering politics, Mr. Harrison worked in education, serving as chief operating officer and director of program development for the College Summit, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that helps low‑income students enroll in college; and

Whereas, the Senate is pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Harrison on his election as chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, and the members wish him well as he takes up his new duties. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Orangeburg native and attorney Jaime R. Harrison on being elected the new South Carolina Democratic Party chairman.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jaime R. Harrison.

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