**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK,” APRIL 13‑17, 2015, AND ON “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY,” APRIL 15, 2015, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING OUR STATE’S AND NATION’S FUTURE LEADERS.

Whereas, serving more than thirty‑three thousand students across our State, independent colleges and universities dedicate themselves to providing high‑quality, postsecondary educational opportunities; and

Whereas, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching, adapting to ever‑evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

Whereas, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

Whereas, the organization that represents twenty of these institutions of higher learning, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, has for more than sixty years provided a voice for independent higher education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in appreciation for all our state’s outstanding independent colleges and universities, Governor Nikki Haley has proclaimed April 13‑17, 2015, as “Independent College and University Week” in South Carolina and April 15, 2015, as “Independent College and University Day”; and

Whereas, with great pleasure, the General Assembly joins with Governor Haley in saluting all these excellent South Carolina institutions for their role in providing a superior, values‑based education to students from all walks of life; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further encourages all South Carolinians to celebrate our independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions in ensuring our state’s continued status as a leader in higher education. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and express deep appreciation to the independent colleges and universities in South Carolina during “Independent College and University Week,” April 13‑17, 2015, and on “Independent College and University Day,” April 15, 2015, for their outstanding contributions in educating our state’s and nation’s future leaders.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

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