**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM LYCEE JEAN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE IN CLERMONT‑FERRAND, FRANCE, WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT‑EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Whereas, from February 16 to 25, 2017, the students, teachers, and school administrators from J. L. Mann High School in Greenville County will host an exchange of fourteen students and two adult leaders from J. L. Mann High School’s sister school, Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle in Clermont‑Ferrand, France; and

Whereas, during their visit, French exchange students and their accompanying faculty, Joëlle Bertrix and Céline Vaudoit, will be traveling throughout South Carolina and visiting many of its historic sites and attractions; and

Whereas, this is the twenty‑first student exchange between the two schools through a program that provides many positive learning experiences and presents opportunities for the participants from both countries to enjoy cultural exchanges that otherwise might not be available to them; and

Whereas, the program is a valued resource in teaching understanding of and appreciation for differing cultures and helps to bond friendships that could not occur without such an exchange; and

Whereas, further, the program allows our neighbors from France to enjoy the many fine attractions that the Palmetto State has to offer and enables them to experience the kindness and hospitality for which the citizens of South Carolina are known worldwide; and

Whereas, the J. L. Mann High School Foreign Student Exchange Program is an outstanding model for other schools with similar programs in our State to emulate; and

Whereas, students from Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle in Clermont‑Ferrand who will be participating in this year’s exchange include Théo Barbedienne, Thomas Casile, Lila Courtens, Flavie Delesvaux, Hugo De Oliveira, Clara Grammatico, Claire Hugonenc, Andréa Jaffeux, Antoine Juillard, Maxime Lanyi, Emeric Marguet, Mathilde Mioche, Eva Mizutani, Louis Morel, Anthony Payet, Clara Ribeyre, Laura Romane, Mohiédine Saadallah, Godefroi Truche, and Rokhaya Wade; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina wishes to thank the participants who make this exchange possible, and the members trust that the program will be a continued success for many years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful visit to our friends from Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle in Clermont‑Ferrand, France, who are participating in the student‑exchange program with J. L. Mann High School of Greenville County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle in Clermont‑Ferrand, France, and to J. L. Mann High School.

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