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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHARLESTON CARIFEST TO BE HELD JUNE 11-13, 2009, AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR WORK IN PRESERVING THE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CAROLINAS AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

Whereas, in 2006, South Carolina Caribbean Culture and Heritage, Incorporated, was formed to educate the community about the Caribbean through festivals and other means and to preserve the culture of the Caribbean; and

Whereas, the purposes of the organization include providing educational opportunities for the public to learn about the Caribbean, providing a link between Caribbean countries and the Carolinas to promote commerce and cultural tourism, and hosting an annual celebration to showcase Caribbean heritage; and

Whereas, this year the celebration will incorporate a symposium held at the College of Charleston on June 11, a masquerade fete on the evening of June 12, and a street parade of revelers on June 13 followed by cultural events in Brittle Bank Park that include a panorama of steel‑pan bands and dancers; and

Whereas, originating in Trinidad and Tobago, carnival street parades have been exported to every island in the Caribbean, as well as to major cities in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Sweden; and

Whereas, each year the festival in the park celebrates the culture of a particular Caribbean country, and this year the featured country will be the island of St. Lucia; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives wish to express their congratulations and appreciation to South Carolina Caribbean Culture and Heritage, Incorporated, as the sponsors of Charleston Carifest work to promote commercial development and the exchange of ideas. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Charleston Carifest to be held June 11-13, 2009, and commend the organizers, volunteers, and participants for their work in preserving the cultural connections between the Carolinas and the Caribbean countries.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lorna Shelton Beck, President, South Carolina Caribbean Culture and Heritage, Incorporated.

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