**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE TWENTY‑EIGHTH ANNUAL PENN CENTER HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION, TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010, THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010, AT THE PENN CENTER ON ST. HELENA ISLAND, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO ATTEND AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY‑FRIENDLY EVENT, AND TO WISH ITS ORGANIZERS EVERY SUCCESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives notes with pleasure that the twenty‑eighth annual Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration will be held Thursday, November 11, 2010, through Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island; and

Whereas, a three‑day cultural event celebrating local history, folk arts, food, music, crafts, and West African cultural legacy, the Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration has been telling the Gullah‑Geechee‑Sea Island story since 1981; and

Whereas, held on the grounds of the historic Penn School, one of the first schools for enslaved Africans on St. Helena Island, the celebration allows visitors to experience the unique charm of that institution’s fifty‑acre campus, now home to the Penn Center; and

Whereas, the celebration, eagerly anticipated by increasingly larger numbers of South Carolinians and out‑of‑state visitors, promises demonstrations of the West African‑Gullah cultural connection, including bateau making, quilting, basket making, and net making; live demonstrations of rice production in an authentic rice shack; and Gullah storytellers, singers, African drummers, dancers, gospel singers, a craft fair, a parade, and “fun fuh de chillum” (fun for the children); and

Whereas, the House of Representatives commends the Penn Center for bringing this delightful event to South Carolina and encourages all South Carolinians to patronize and enjoy its offerings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the twenty‑eighth annual Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration, to be held Thursday, November 11, 2010, through Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, encourage all South Carolinians to attend and enjoy this family‑friendly event, and wish its organizers every success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration.

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