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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEING NAMED THE TOP HONORS PROGRAM IN AMERICA IN *A REVIEW OF FIFTY PUBLIC UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAMS* AND TO COMMEND THE COLLEGE ON ITS CONTINUED ENVIRONMENT OF EXCELLENCE.

Whereas, the Senate is pleased and proud to learn that the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina has been ranked number one in *A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs*, to be published in April 2012, by Public University Honors, an information and assessment enterprise dedicated to honors colleges; and

Whereas, the 275‑page book is intended to be used as a guide for prospective college students. Basing its evaluations on honors curriculum, honors‑retention and graduation rates, honors housing, study‑abroad programs, and priority registration, the publication reviews honors programs at all public universities ranked in the top seventy‑five nationally, as well as those public universities that are members of the Association of American Universities; and

Whereas, in this first‑ever ranking of public university honors colleges, the South Carolina Honors College further authenticates its well‑established reputation for rigorous curriculum, an array of enrichment opportunities for students, and high‑achieving alumni. Launched in 1978, the college enrolls 1,400 students and offers a recently constructed LEED‑Gold certified honors residence hall with suite‑style rooms and meeting space. The average SAT score of last year’s incoming class was 1427; and

Whereas, its top‑ten national ranking in the guide placed USC as the leader ahead of the University of Texas at Austin, University of Michigan, Arizona State University, Michigan State University, University of Georgia, University of Delaware, University of Virginia, University of Minnesota, and Penn State University; and

Whereas, in addition, *A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs* ranks honors colleges within the context of their universities, and the South Carolina Honors College is among the top ten. This ranking is based on the same factors already named, with the additional criteria of prestigious undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships for the sponsoring university as a whole; and

Whereas, grateful for the University of South Carolina’s commitment to excellence, the Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing the South Carolina Honors College at USC on this noteworthy achievement. The members applaud Dean Steven Lynn, the college’s distinguished faculty, and fine students for their dedicated labors and look with interest to hearing of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina on being named the top honors program in America in *A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs* and commend the college on its continued environment of excellence.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dean Steven Lynn of the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina.

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