**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM THE LYCÉE GODEFROY DE BOUILLON SCHOOL, CLERMONT‑FERRAND, FRANCE, PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH J.L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Whereas, from February 24 to March 6, 2011, the students, teachers, and school administrators from J.L. Mann High School in Greenville County will host an exchange of twenty‑three students and two adult leaders from J.L. Mann High School’s sister school, The Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon of Clermont‑Ferrand, France; and

Whereas, during this period of time, these French exchange students and their accompanying faculty will be traveling all over South Carolina and visiting many of its historic sites and attractions; and

Whereas, this program 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 respect and tolerance for cultures differing from ours and helps bond friendships that could not occur without this exchange; and

Whereas, further, the program allows our neighbors from France to enjoy the many fine attractions our 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 The Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon of Clermont‑Ferrand participating in the exchange include Camille Alfonso, Mathilde Buffiere, Anaïs Burias, Lara Caseres, Marion Chabanais, Vincent Corlouer, Jérémie Dubois, Noémie Galbrun, Louis Dominique Geoffroy‑Terryn, Lucille Georgeault, Simon Gommeton, Julie Jonard, Housna Kader, Nathan Limousin, Agathe Mallet, Julie Meynier, Marie Meynier, Loann Mondiere, Eloïse Ondet, Alexandra Paoli, Adelin Tirado, Cloé Vernet, and Elisa Voisin. Their adult leaders are Joëlle Bertrix and Bernadette Rodrigues; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives wishes to thank the participants who make this exchange possible, and the members trust 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 The Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon School, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, 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 The Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon School, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, and J.L. Mann High School.

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