**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, TO HONOR THE INSTITUTION’S COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION, TO WISH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF THE SCHOOL’S FUTURE ENDEAVORS, AND TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 30, 2011, AS CAROLINA DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Whereas, the University of South Carolina (Carolina) serves more than two hundred forty thousand alumni and forty thousand students on eight campuses, with more than two thousand full‑time faculty members dedicated to providing the highest quality education in more than three hundred fifty programs; and

Whereas, numerous rankings give acclaim to the pursuit of excellence in teaching and research at Carolina, most notably the *U.S. News and World Report*’*s* 2009 “America’s Best Colleges” guide that ranked Carolina among the top ten “Most Promising and Innovative Schools” in the nation; and

Whereas, Carolina is one of only twenty‑three public universities in the nation and the only one in South Carolina to receive the Carnegie Foundation’s highest research designation and to be named among the nation’s leaders in providing programs that benefit and engage communities; and

Whereas, ten academic programs at Carolina rank in the nation’s top ten, and sixteen rank in the top one hundred, including the School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management; the School of Library and Information Science; and the International Business program at the Darla Moore School of Business; and

Whereas, during its 2010 sports season, Carolina compiled a lengthy record of high achievement. USC athletes defeated first‑ranked teams in baseball, football, and men’s basketball; Carolina’s baseball team captured the national championship and won the Elite 88 plaque for having the highest team GPA among the eight universities competing in that championship; and USC’s athletes led the SEC with sixty‑eight freshmen student athletes on the 2010 academic honor roll; and

Whereas, in its 2009‑2010 list of “Best Values in Public Colleges,” *Kiplinger*’*s Personal Finance* has ranked Carolina thirty‑second among public universities in the nation for top‑flight academics and affordable costs, and the best value in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the Carolina Alumni Association, first formed in 1846, serves Carolina’s alumni with numerous programs, such as homecoming reunions, alumni clubs, and scholarships, and has a membership of more than thirty thousand, who remain connected to the university through the association’s many activities; and

Whereas, the alumni of Carolina contribute $2.3 billion annually to the economy of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in the past three years, the university’s faculty members have filed two hundred nine invention disclosures, patented nineteen inventions, and licensed forty‑four technologies, all of which has attracted investment from private companies interested in commercializing the university’s intellectual property, and the USC Columbia Technology Incubator has graduated twenty‑three companies, creating more than six hundred fifty jobs; and

Whereas, the University of South Carolina continues to be a source of pride for its alumni and for the Palmetto State, enriching the lives of its students and building a better community throughout South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the University of South Carolina on its outstanding achievements, honor the institution’s commitment to quality education, wish continued success in all of the school’s future endeavors, and recognize March 30, 2011, as Carolina Day at the State House.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Harris Pastides, president of the University of South Carolina.

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