**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑125 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER AS “AYNOR HARVEST HOE‑DOWN FESTIVAL WEEKEND”.

Whereas, in an effort to fund much needed community projects, the Pilot Club of Aynor created the Aynor Harvest Hoe‑Down Festival at the suggestion of member Doris Koon in 1979; and

Whereas, in a state that enjoys a proud bond with agriculture, the Harvest Hoe‑Down festival symbolizes the tradition of celebrating the harvest season and the bounty of its yield; and

Whereas, in the thirty‑five years since its founding, the Aynor Harvest Hoe‑Down has grown into a great South Carolina fall tradition, benefiting the community by providing funds for worthwhile projects while also providing a source of wholesome recreation for the citizens of Aynor and many others from the Palmetto State and beyond who join in the festivities; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper to honor this great South Carolina tradition and recognize its substantial cultural significance in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 53‑3‑125. The fourth Thursday in September of each year is designated ‘Aynor Harvest Hoe‑Down Festival Weekend’ in South Carolina in recognition of the cultural significance of this tradition in Horry County.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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