**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY CULTURAL COMMISSION AS THE PRESENTER OF SUPER KIDSFEST AND THE YOUTH COMPETITION SPONSORED BY PRESERVING OUR SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN MUSIC (POSOM) AND THE YOUNG APPALACHIAN MUSICIANS (YAM) IN PICKENS COUNTY, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, on Saturday, March 16, 2013, musicians of traditional and acoustic instruments will be participating in a Youth Competition of traditional bluegrass and old-time music at the Super KidsFest at the historic Hagood Mill in Pickens, South Carolina; and

Whereas, the Youth Competition is open to all young people, high school age and younger, and participants may register until 1:30 in the afternoon. Winners of the Youth Competition will be awarded ribbons; and

Whereas, the Sweet Potato Pie Kids and eight school YAM bands will perform throughout the day and participants in the Super KidsFest may learn how to build and play an “Old Time Instrument” made from “found” objects; and

Whereas, the Young Appalachian Musicians program teaches traditional Southern Appalachian music to Pickens County students in third through eighth grades; and

Whereas, students are taught to play various stringed instruments using the traditional “play by ear” method. Instruments include the guitar, mandolin, fiddle (old time or bluegrass), and banjo (claw hammer or bluegrass); and

Whereas, the evening program for ages third grade through adult is designed to teach students to play acoustic instruments. Classes are held in Easley, Pickens, Greenville, and Clemson;

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the South Carolina Senate to pause in their deliberations to honor the talent and skill of these wonderful young musicians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM) and Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music (POSOM) in Pickens County and wish them continued success in all their future endeavors

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music and the Pickens County Cultural Council.

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