**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016, AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia‑born, European‑educated engineer, musician and artist who married John C. Calhoun’s daughter, Anna, and settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson’s campus is the entire State of South Carolina, with the university having a presence in every county in South Carolina, agriculture research centers from the Piedmont to the Coast, youth programs that serve more than 100,000 young people per year, and enterprise campuses devoted to innovation and economic development in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood and North Charleston to support both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, Clemson University has recently been named a Tier 1 Research Institution by the Carnegie Foundation, which puts it in a class with the top 115 universities in the nation in terms of research; and

Whereas, Clemson University is now ranked 21st among national public universities in America and has also earned top rankings for graduation rates, value, efficiency and return on investment‑‑while maintaining an outstanding student experience that has earned top‑5 rankings for quality of life, happiest students, career services, students who love their college, town‑gown relations (#1), alumni network (#1), and “most fun college in America”; and

Whereas, Clemson University enrolls more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students and has more than 141,000 alumni‑‑with nearly 68,000 living in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture providing statewide research, extension and regulatory programs (Public Service Activities) to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters and land managers; and

Whereas, for 127 years, Clemson University has continued to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina as a “high seminary of learning” and improve the economy of the state through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of teaching, research and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, declare Tuesday, March 1, 2016, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to James P. Clements, Ph.D., President of Clemson University.

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