**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE COLLIN SOUCY FOR BEING NAMED THE 2016 REPRESENTATIVE FOR A DAY IN A CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE JASPER COUNTY DELEGATION TO PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to welcome Collin Soucy to the State House as the 2016 Representative for a Day, sponsored in memory of the late Senator Clementa Pinckney; and

Whereas, on February 22, 2016, the ninth annual countywide competition for the Senator for a Day Public Speaking Contest was held at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Gateway Campus. In his speech that placed second in the competition, Collin Soucy considered the state’s litter crisis, which earned the Palmetto State a ranking as the dirtiest state in the nation in the 2014 survey; and

Whereas, he noted that cans and glass bottles for beverages constitute a large part of the state’s litter and proposed a Bottle Bill which would require retailers to charge a refundable five‑cent deposit for cans or bottles; and

Whereas, although cans or bottles do not comprise all litter, Collin Soucy suggests that the deposit would make South Carolinians more conscious of their responsibility both to recycle and to avoid littering; and

Whereas, since tourism is a major industry in South Carolina, resolving the state’s litter issue could save jobs that might be lost as tourists experience “Dirty Places” instead of the “Beautiful Places” advertised on our license plates, and the Bottle Bill could benefit the State with more jobs in the recycling industry; and

Whereas, a member both of the National Honor Society since his freshman year and of the American Christian Honor Society, Collin is a senior at Step of Faith Christian Academy in Ridgeland and president of his class; and

Whereas, an avid student of history, he participates in Civil War reenactments and activities, and he competes in soccer and basketball for his school; and

Whereas, Collin also enjoys being a junior member of Toastmasters International; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the detailed attention and careful consideration that Collin Soucy has given to the topical issues surrounding littering and recycling in the Palmetto State, and the members welcome him as the 2016 Representative for a Day. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize and congratulate Collin Soucy for being named the 2016 Representative for a Day in a contest sponsored by the Jasper County Delegation to promote civic engagement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Collin Soucy.

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