**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SANTEE COOPER COUNTIES PROMOTION COMMISSION ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE COMMISSION MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly by Act 1289 created the Santee Cooper Counties Promotion Commission on June 10, 1968; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly charged the commission to institute and operate programs to improve, enlarge, increase, and otherwise enhance recreation and development in the area and around the Santee Cooper Lakes in the counties of Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, and Sumter; and

Whereas, the economic impact of tourism and recreation is at an all‑time high in this five‑county region, with expenditures of nearly $415 million and more than three thousand five hundred employees in the industry. Visitation now exceeds 5.5 million, with taxes of nearly $28 million paid into state coffers. 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 Santee Cooper Counties Promotion Commission on its fiftieth anniversary and wish the commission much continued success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Santee Cooper Counties Promotion Commission Board and to the five county councils represented by the commission.

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