**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AS THE MEMBERS CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2020 AS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CENTENNIAL MONTH IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO CONGRATULATE THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON THE LEAGUE’S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, founded on February 14, 1920, during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters of the United States began, and six months later the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, securing for women the right to vote; and

Whereas, that same year in South Carolina, a League was established, which now boasts more than one thousand one hundred members in thirteen local Leagues. Currently the state’s copresidents are Holley Ulbrich and Christe McCoy‑Lawrence; and

Whereas, the national organization has grown across the country in all fifty states with chapters of men and women in more than seven hundred local communities; and

Whereas, a nonpartisan political organization, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages; and

Whereas, the League of Women Voters has used its substantial influence to promote informed citizen participation in government through providing voter registration, sponsoring candidate forums, holding informational meetings, observing public bodies, advocating at all levels of government, and in general, encouraging responsible citizenship; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives welcomes members of the League of Women Voters to the State House on February 12, 2020, and congratulates them on a century of impact in the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the League of Women Voters as the members celebrate their centennial anniversary, proclaim February 2020 as League of Women Voters Centennial Month in the Palmetto State, and encourage all South Carolinians to congratulate the League of Women Voters of South Carolina on the League’s one hundredth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to copresidents Holley Ulbrich and Christe McCoy‑Lawrence.

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