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A senate RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS “THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE’S VISIT DURING HIS FAREWELL TOUR OF THE NATION IN 1825” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, in 1824, to celebrate the United States’ fiftieth anniversary, President James Monroe invited the Marquis de Lafayette to tour the United States, all twenty-four states of that time. Renowned as “The Nation’s Guest,” Lafayette’s tour was met with great fanfare. For the marquis, his 1824-1825 U.S. tour marked a return to the country he helped establish and whose democratic principles he viewed as a beacon of hope for the world; and

Whereas, the marquis visited Washington, D.C., and numerous cities across the twenty-four states, receiving a jubilant reception and welcome from a grateful nation; and

Whereas, in March 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette traversed the great State of South Carolina, beginning his journey in Cheraw on March 6 and proceeding through Camden, Columbia, Charleston, Edisto, and Beaufort, where on March 18 he concluded his visit before continuing on to Georgia; and

Whereas, during the year 2025, precisely two centuries since the marquis’s distinguished visit, numerous educational and commemorative programs are being organized throughout South Carolina to honor his remarkable historic sojourn in our State; and

Whereas, South Carolina Day falls during the month of March, and, therefore, as provided by state law, educational institutions across the State are encouraged to engage in programs that celebrate this significant commemoration; and

Whereas, the Marquis de Lafayette demonstrated unwavering commitment in supporting the United States during its struggle for independence, thereby embodying the highest ideals of international friendship and democratic principles. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, declare the month of March 2025 as “The Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Marquis de Lafayette’s Visit During his Farewell Tour of the Nation in 1825” in South Carolina.

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