**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UPON RECEIVING THE ECONOMIC DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARD BY “BUSINESS FACILITIES” MAGAZINE.

Whereas, the annual Economic Development Deal of the Year Award, as chosen each year by “Business Facilities” magazine, ranks the nation’s biggest economic development deals from the previous year; and

Whereas, agencies from fifteen states nominated what the trade publication calls nineteen “big‑ticket projects” for consideration by a panel of judges who evaluated economic impact statistics, job‑creation estimates, and project narratives; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Commerce snared the “Gold Award” for Boeing’s decision to pick North Charleston as the site of its new 787 Dreamliner assembly plant; and

Whereas, with completion set for mid‑2011, “Business Facilities” magazine recognized that the $750 million investment “vaults the Palmetto State into a leadership position in aerospace manufacturing”; and

Whereas, “[t]he choice of North Charleston as a manufacturing site for Boeing’s best‑selling commercial jet will have a seismic impact on South Carolina’s economic development,” said editor‑in‑chief Jack Rogers; and

Whereas, several mega‑projects, with a projected overall economic impact of more than $1 trillion, were nominated for the top award; and

Whereas, joint cooperation of the executive branch, the General Assembly, the Department of Commerce, local government, and the South Carolina business community was instrumental in making this happen for South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina congratulate the South Carolina Department of Commerce upon receiving the Economic Deal of the Year Award by “Business Facilities” magazine.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

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