**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE MARCH 31, 2009, “YORK COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, York County is home to over 208,800 South Carolina citizens, which is nearly five percent of the state’s total population; and

Whereas, York is the state’s fastest growing county, with last year’s increase of five percent, and York County is the state’s third fastest growing county with a seven‑year increase of almost twenty‑seven percent; and

Whereas, York County’s estimated assessment of real and manufacturing property exceeded six hundred seventy‑five million dollars, which is nearly a six percent increase from the previous year and represents approximately four percent of the state’s total assessment of real and manufacturing property; and

Whereas, five new companies and twenty‑nine company expansions in York County provided six hundred forty‑five new jobs last year for South Carolinians; and

Whereas, capital investments from new and expanding companies in York County increased fourteen and a half percent over the prior year for a total of eighty‑three million dollars for the State; and

Whereas, York County was the state’s seventh highest producing county in retail sales last year and provided more than five billion dollars to state coffers and over four percent of South Carolina’s total retail sales; and

Whereas, the citizens of York County passed a one‑cent sales tax in 1997 and again in 2003 to collect a total of two hundred seventy‑two million dollars to be used for critical road improvements, which also enhance the efficiency of the state’s road system; and

Whereas, York County is one of the top three counties in the State in the categories of median household incomes, percent of academically-gifted students, starting salaries for new teachers, and average teacher salary, and York County also exemplifies higher education quality and value, all of which are important in moving the entire State forward. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize York County as a vital part of the great State of South Carolina and declare March 31, 2009, “York County Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the four chambers of commerce in York County.

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