**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS “CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS AND GUESTS OF OUR STATE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CRUCIAL ERA IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE.

Whereas, the years 2011 through 2015 mark the sesquicentennial commemoration of the War Between the States; and

Whereas, South Carolina became the first State to adopt the Ordinance of Secession on December 20, 1860; and

Whereas, South Carolina cast her fate with her sister Southern states in ratification of the Confederate Constitution and became a faithful partner in the Confederate States of America; and

Whereas, South Carolina provided proud examples of leadership during truly trying times, such as the statesmanship of Governor Francis Pickens and the heroism of General Wade Hampton, III, whose dashing cavalry exploits were celebrated far and wide; and

Whereas, the men and women of South Carolina, both civilian and soldier alike, sacrificed so much and contributed so greatly in the defense of their beloved State; and

Whereas**,** the commemoration of South Carolina’s invaluable role to the Confederacy remains a source of pride among our people and a major reason for citizens and visitors alike to explore the history of our great State; and

Whereas**,** the lessons to be learned from this period of our history are so important, even in matters facing America today. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, designate the month of May as “Confederate History and Heritage Month” in South Carolina and encourage all citizens, and guests of our State to learn more about this crucial era in the history of our people.

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