**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014 “LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA’S LINEMEN FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO KEEPING SOUTH CAROLINA’S CITIZENS SAFE.

Whereas, South Carolina faced a very trying winter with multiple snow and ice storms affecting many people in different ways, including school and business closings, dangerous road conditions, and widespread power outages; and

Whereas, we must remember the men and women who help keep citizens safe, including workers from the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the National Guard, and the State Emergency Operations Center; and

Whereas, February’s ice storm caused nearly 350,000 power outages in South Carolina. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division estimated that this storm created over a million cubic yards of debris throughout the State. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety reported 159 downed power lines in roadways; and

Whereas, it was South Carolina’s linemen, with other emergency workers, who cleared the debris, fixed the power lines, and restored power; and

Whereas, the job of a lineman is often left unrecognized. When most of us stay put during storms, linemen risk their own safety and go to work so that we have power to go back to school, keep our businesses running, and continue living life with the lights on. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, declare Monday, March 31, 2014 “Lineman Appreciation Day” in South Carolina and recognize South Carolina’s linemen for their dedication to keeping South Carolina’s citizens safe.

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