**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM LYCEE GODEFROY DE BOUILLON, CLERMONT‑FERRAND, FRANCE, PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT‑EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Whereas, from February 21 to March 3, 2013, the students, teachers, and school administrators from J. L. Mann High School in Greenville County will host an exchange of fourteen students and two adult leaders from J. L. Mann High School’s sister school, Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon of Clermont‑Ferrand, France; and

Whereas, during their visit, these French exchange students and their accompanying faculty will be traveling all over South Carolina and visiting many of its historic sites and attractions; and

Whereas, this program provides many positive learning experiences and presents opportunities for the participants from both countries to enjoy cultural exchanges that otherwise might not be available to them; and

Whereas, the program is a valued resource in teaching respect and tolerance for differing cultures and helps to bond friendships that could not occur without such an exchange; and

Whereas, further, the program allows our neighbors from France to enjoy the many fine attractions the Palmetto State has to offer and enables them to experience the kindness and hospitality for which the citizens of South Carolina are known worldwide; and

Whereas, the J. L. Mann High School Foreign Student Exchange Program is an outstanding model for other schools with similar programs in our State to emulate; and

Whereas, students from Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon of Clermont‑Ferrand participating in this year’s exchange include Arnaud Aubry, Alanna Coulanges, Bruno Desplanque, Marine Gueguen Rome, Cécile Harrault, Asma Kader, Nicolas Lacroix, Agathe Lesturgeon, Emilie Marti, Etienne Pin, Léonard Pradier, Alexis Romane, Pierre Subrizi, and Mathilde Teyssier. Their adult leaders are Joëlle Bertrix and Céline Vaudoit; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish to thank the participants who make this exchange possible, and they trust the program will be a continued success for many years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful visit to our friends from Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, participating in the student‑exchange program with J. L. Mann High School of Greenville County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, and J. L. Mann High School.

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