**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 5, 2014, “SIR BIG SPUR DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT GIVEN BY MARY SNELLING AND RON ALBERTELLI TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, for the past fifteen years, Mary Snelling and Ron Albertelli have provided Sir Big Spur, the Old English Black Breasted Red Gamecock, the official live mascot and symbol of the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mary Snelling and Ron Albertelli have transported Sir Big Spur at their own expense all over the United States in support of Gamecock athletics: to baseball and football regular season and championship games, as well as occasionally to other sports; and

Whereas, Sir Big Spur has been featured in news stories on national and local television networks, such as ESPN, SEC Network, and Fox Sports. Sir Big Spur was also recognized by *Sports Illustrated* as one of the top live mascots in college sports; and

Whereas, Mary Snelling and Ron Albertelli have provided Sir Big Spur purely out of their love for the University of South Carolina and for the Athletic Department, not having missed many games since 1996; and

Whereas, Sir Big Spur has brought joy to the thousands of Gamecock fans, respect to the thousands of students, and fostered a championship mentality in the Gamecock athletes. 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, proclaim February 5, 2014, “Sir Big Spur Day” in South Carolina, and recognize the love and support given by Mary Snelling and Ron Albertelli to the University of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mary Snelling and Ron Albertelli.

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