**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BENEDICT COLLEGE ON THE TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FAMED HARAMBEE FESTIVAL AND TO WISH THE FESTIVAL MUCH SUCCESS BOTH AT THE 2014 CELEBRATION AND IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to hear that the twenty‑fifth annual Benedict College Harambee Festival will take place this year on Saturday, February 22, 2014, as part of a weekend of events celebrating African‑American History Month; and

Whereas, expressive of multiculturalism, inclusion, and advocacy of African‑American and Southern history and culture, the Harambee Festival has grown since its founding in 1989 to become one of the largest college‑sponsored festivals in the nation, with admission free to all and activities that appeal to the entire family; and

Whereas, among other attractions, the festival features good gospel music headlined by the nationally famed award‑winning Benedict College Gospel Choir, all‑day stage performances, mouth‑watering food, jazz, contemporary music, health screenings, and empowerment workshops. In addition, visitors will enjoy a classic car and bike show, a children’s village, a baking contest (with cash prizes ranging from fifty to one hundred dollars for the best desserts), an art exhibit, and the African Village of hard‑to‑find merchandise; and

Whereas, the Harambee Festival has set as one of its goals the endowment of a scholarship for deserving students; and

Whereas, grateful for the fine work done by Benedict College in sponsoring the Harambee Festival, the House of Representatives urges all South Carolinians to attend this signal event, and the members are pleased to salute Benedict College at the celebration of the festival’s silver anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Benedict College on the twenty‑fifth anniversary of its famed Harambee Festival and wish the festival much success both at the 2014 celebration and in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Harambee Festival Organizational Committee of Benedict College.

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