**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN ITS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898 ESTABLISHING THE EPA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE EPA’S OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice were created when President Bill Clinton signed Executive Order 12898; and

Whereas, the EPA encourages and educates its managers, staff, and external stakeholders on the ways that civil rights and environmental justice have made and can continue to make a significant difference in communities across the nation; and

Whereas, although great strides have been made to address environmental justice on the federal level, the United States EPA constantly strives to improve the national and global environment; and

Whereas, through collaboration and collaborative problem solving with communities, many of the future challenges to environmental justice can be addressed; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the remarkable efforts of the United States EPA for the past twenty years in seeking environmental justice. 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, recognize and commend the outstanding achievements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in its environmental justice programs on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of Executive Order 12898 establishing the EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice.

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