**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY’S EXTENDED HISTORY AND ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia‑born, European‑educated engineer, musician, and artist who married Anna Calhoun, the daughter of John C. Calhoun, and who settled at the Calhoun family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Clemson believed that the way to rebuild his adopted state’s war‑ravaged economy was through scientific education, so he left his home and fortune to the State of South Carolina to create the institution that bears his name; and

Whereas, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounded by Lake Hartwell and its own forest, Clemson University is a major land‑grant research university oriented to science and engineering which maintains a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and student success, and it is ranked number twenty‑five among national public universities; and

Whereas, Clemson University is an inclusive, student‑centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit, and a competitive drive to excel, having provided educational opportunities for the young people of South Carolina and beyond, now with almost one hundred twenty‑five thousand living alumni worldwide; and

Whereas, Clemson University’s economic impact on the State of South Carolina accounts for nearly twenty‑five thousand jobs, and its economic development and research initiatives are helping to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the United States Department of Agriculture which provides statewide research, extension, and regulatory programs to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters, and land managers; and

Whereas, nearly one hundred twenty‑five years after its opening, Clemson University continues to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina to establish a “high seminary of learning” and “develop the material resources of the state” through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of education, research, and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Clemson University’s extended history and its many contributions to the citizens of the Palmetto State and declare Tuesday, May 13, 2014, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. James P. Clements, President of Clemson University.

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