**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE UPON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITH‑LEVER ACT.

Whereas, the year 2014 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Smith‑Lever Act, which formalized the Cooperative Extension Service, a state‑by‑state national network of educators who extend university‑based knowledge to the people; and

Whereas, in 1914, the United States Congress expanded the land‑grant university’s mission with the Smith‑Lever Act. This act established the Cooperative Extension Service, a national system to take information generated by land‑grant university scientists directly to the citizens throughout each state; and

Whereas, South Carolina played a key role as an early leader in the extension movement, as the “Clemson Model” of extension served as the basis for the Smith‑Lever Act, which was authored by Georgia Senator Michael Hoke Smith and South Carolina Congressman A. Frank Lever; and

Whereas, Congressman Lever, a Clemson successor trustee, devoted himself to the needs of agriculture and farming interests across South Carolina and the United States; and

Whereas, the national Cooperative Extension Service engages citizens to improve economic development and quality of life by delivering research‑based information in agriculture, natural resources, food safety, nutrition, economic and community development, and 4‑H youth development; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Cooperative Extension is based at the state’s two land‑grant institutions, Clemson University and South Carolina State University, and Clemson Extension agents serve in all forty‑six counties and at the university’s five Research and Education Centers; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is grateful for the century of service that the Smith‑Lever Act has afforded residents of the Palmetto State and looks forward to many years of sustained impact on the state’s economic development and quality of life for our citizens. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their sincere appreciation for the Cooperative Extension Service in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Smith‑Lever Act.

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

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