**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN OF SALLEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALLEY CHITLIN STRUT FESTIVAL AND TO DECLARE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015, AS CHITLIN STRUT DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Town of Salley, nestled in Aiken County, founded the Chitlin Strut Festival in 1966; and

Whereas, chitlin is a contraction of the word chitterling, which is the name of fried pork intestines, a traditional Southern food that has been enjoyed for over a hundred years; and

Whereas, the first Chitlin Strut Festival was held on November 26, 1966, at the Salley Civic Center, also known as the festival grounds behind the Old Salley School; and

Whereas, the proceeds generated from that first Chitlin Strut in 1966 were used to purchase Christmas lights for the Town of Salley; and

Whereas, activities for the annual event traditionally include a parade, hawg‑calling and strut contests, food and craft vendors, a beauty pageant, carnival rides, and a Chitlin Strut Idol Contest; and

Whereas, in 2014, over eight thousand pounds of chitlins were sold at the festival, which draws as many as forty thousand people annually who attend the Chitlin Strut and partake of the delicacy; and

Whereas, visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the festivities of the Chitlin Strut each year, with the visitor coming from the greatest distance thus far being from Ireland; and

Whereas, today all revenues generated by the Chitlin Strut Festival are applied to local taxes for utilities to keep the cost low and affordable for the citizens of Salley; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the leaders and residents of Salley for their many contributions to the Town of Salley, for the recognition they bring to their community and the Palmetto State, and for a half century of hosting the irreplaceable Chitlin Strut. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Town of Salley on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Salley Chitlin Strut Festival and declare Saturday, November 28, 2015, as Chitlin Strut Day in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Salley Chitlin Strut Festival Commission.

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