**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE JOHN F. GREEN SPARTANBURG SCIENCE CENTER UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE CENTER FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center’s mission is to provide science education and enrichment to the children and adults of Spartanburg County through educational programs, lectures, and hands‑on exhibits. A non-profit organization, the center offers a place where land and people can be united for scientific, cultural, recreational, and educational pursuits; and

Whereas, the first Spartanburg Science Center was housed in the Springs Street School. In October 2007, the center moved into the Chapman Cultural Center. This new facility allowed for additional in‑house programs, ranging from physics and engineering to biology and environmental sciences; and

Whereas, today, the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center **inspires excitement for science through interactive exhibits, live animals, and** student-participatory **programs** in all major fields of science. **The small, hands‑on science center offers guests of all ages more than 23 exhibits; a live animal room featuring an assortment of reptiles, amphibians, and fish; a museum room with a collections of fossils, bones, skulls, rocks and minerals; a** STARLAB® portable planetarium; **and other educational displays**; and

Whereas, the science center provides an interactive space for field trips. Center-led programs can also be held in school classrooms or local natural areas, such as Tyger‑10 Nature Park, Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve, Cottonwood Trail, Glendale Shoals Preserve, and Camp Croft State Park. The center also offers summer camp programs, holiday camps, and teacher workday camps; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the dedication and commitment of the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center in its service to the Spartanburg County community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary and recognize the center for its valuable contributions to the Spartanburg County community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center.

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