**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE FRANCES JONES COMMUNITY PARK ON DAUFUSKIE ISLAND.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the Palmetto State are proud to share the treasures of South Carolina’s natural beauty. As such, they find it to be a worthwhile endeavor to create a place where our citizens can enjoy such splendor. The Daufuskie Island community has done just this with the creation of the Francis Jones Community Park; and

Whereas, the development of this park was made possible by grants provided by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and by Beaufort County; and

Whereas, many Daufuskie Islanders have worked for years to create this park, with special support by the Community Preservation Zoning Association and the Daufuskie Island Council; and

Whereas, on May 12, 2018, a ribbon‑cutting ceremony will mark the grand opening of the Francis Jones Community Park and especially the creation of the Daufuskie Island Trail, a pavilion, and restrooms. This day will be further commemorated with a formal ceremony featuring United States’ Congressman Mark Sanford, County Councilman Tabor Vaux, and other key public officials. The event will include food, children’s activities, and music; and

Whereas, work will continue on the park and future phases are expected to include playground equipment, historical signage, and a ballpark; and

Whereas, the name of the park honors the much‑beloved Frances Jones, a long‑time teacher of island children at the historic Mary Fields School; and

Whereas, the park’s pavilion will soon be dedicated to the memory of Daufuskie leaders Chris Hutton and Dave Hutton, who as father and son together built the pavilion before their untimely deaths; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are grateful for the efforts put forth by the members of the Daufuskie Island Council and the Community Preservation Zoning Association and wish them much success as they continue to expand and develop the Frances Jones Park, which will stand to serve future generations of islanders. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the grand opening of the Frances Jones Community Park on Daufuskie Island.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Daufuskie Island Council.

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