**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AS “CITIES MEAN BUSINESS DAY” AND TO HONOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SOUTH CAROLINA CITIES AND TOWNS MAKE TO THE STATE’S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Whereas, cities and towns derive their power from the state constitution and the laws adopted by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, there are two hundred seventy-one duly incorporated municipalities within the State; and

Whereas, these cities and towns are valuable contributors to state economic development, job creation, and competitiveness efforts; and

Whereas, cities and towns, as homes for their residents, provide a sense of place and spirit of community to all within and around their municipal boundaries; and

Whereas, cities and towns provide essential services such as law enforcement, fire protection, health and sanitation, recreation, and growth and development controls to protect and enhance the quality of life for all residents of the State; and

Whereas, the amenities and services that cities and towns provide to residents attract business and industry to their region; and

Whereas, mayors and councilmembers are the local elected leadership who guide the growth and development of cities and towns, which lead to the success of the State and the region; and

Whereas, the dedicated employees of cities and towns provide services for residents that contribute to the quality of life and local business success; and

Whereas, as economic engines of the State, cities and towns mean business and contribute to the overall success of South Carolina; and

Whereas, healthy, financially sound, and economically strong cities and towns are essential to the health and welfare of the State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Tuesday, February 6, 2018 as “Cities Mean Business Day” and honor the valuable contributions that South Carolina cities and towns make to the State’s economic prosperity through their relationships with local businesses.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Elise Partin, Mayor of the City of Cayce and President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

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