**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019, AS “CITIES MEAN BUSINESS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CITIES MAKE TO THE STATE’S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.

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

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

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

Whereas, cities and towns are considered hometowns for their residents and provide a sense of place and spirit of community to all within and around its 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 of the citizens of the State; and

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

Whereas, cities and towns mean business and are economic engines of the State, contributing 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Tuesday, February 5, 2019, as “Cities Mean Business Day” in South Carolina for the purpose of recognizing the valuable contributions that cities make to the state’s economic prosperity through their relationship with local businesses.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Octavia Williams‑Blake, Councilmember of the City of Florence and President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

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