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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO URGE THE CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL NOT TO RENEW ITS CONTRACT WITH MONTENAY CHARLESTON RESOURCE RECOVERY, THE COMPANY THAT OPERATES THE WASTE‑TO‑ENERGY FACILITY CURRENTLY DISPOSING OF MOST OF CHARLESTON COUNTY’S WASTE, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO EXPLORE OTHER TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE NECESSARY WASTE REMOVAL IN A MANNER THAT PRODUCES LESS POLLUTION.

Whereas, Charleston County’s twenty‑year contract with Montenay Charleston Resource Recovery, the company that operates the waste‑to‑energy facility currently disposing of most of Charleston County’s waste, comes to an end this year; and

Whereas, the county is considering whether or not to renew this contract; and

Whereas, although the Department of Health and Environmental Control affirms that the waste‑to‑energy facility meets air quality standards, notwithstanding, it brings odor, smoke, noise, and particle pollution to nearby neighborhoods, greatly distressing residents and compromising their health and general quality of life; and

Whereas, in support of this contention, a recent report in *USA Today* identified the air in neighborhoods near the incinerator as potentially some of the most toxic in the nation; and

Whereas, other technologies are now available that would fill the county’s need for waste removal without pouring lead, mercury, dioxin, and other toxins into the air as the incinerator does, and these technologies ought to be investigated before Charleston County Council makes a decision regarding renewal of the present Montenay contract; and

Whereas, it is unconscionable to utilize a technology that pollutes the environment to the degree the incinerator does when better options for dealing with waste exist. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, urge the Charleston County Council not to renew its contract with Montenay Charleston Resource Recovery, the company that operates the waste‑to‑energy facility currently disposing of most of Charleston County’s waste, and encourage the council to explore other technologies that will accomplish the necessary waste removal in a manner that produces less pollution.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health and Environmental Control and Charleston County Council.

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