**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010, AS “SOUTH CAROLINA RECYCLERS DAY” AND TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA’S RECYCLERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STATE’S ECONOMY AND FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Whereas, recycling in South Carolina protects the environment, conserves natural resources, promotes energy efficiency, and supports economic development; and

Whereas, the upgrading and processing of recycled materials adds $6.5 billion annually to South Carolina’s economy. Additionally, the recycling industry is projected to increase approximately twelve percent annually during the next five years, with an economic impact to the State of more than $11 billion; and

Whereas, in South Carolina, the recycling industry is directly responsible for more than 37,440 jobs, $1.5 billion in annual personal income, and an estimated $69 million in tax revenue each year; and

Whereas, through the recognition and promotion of the economic, energy, and environmental benefits of recycling, South Carolina’s recycling industry will grow, thereby creating efficient market‑based solutions for various energy and waste management concerns; and

Whereas, the significant energy benefits of recycling provide greater diversity and reliability to the South Carolina energy grid while protecting the state’s natural resources. The manufacture of recycled products requires, on average, seventeen times less energy than manufacturing the same products from virgin materials. In 2007, the energy saved from recycling reached 900 trillion BTU’s nationwide, equal to the amount of energy used by nine million American households. As such, in addition to the traditionally understood benefits of recycling as a conservation and waste management tool, recycling is becoming known as an energy source to help combat the nation’s growing energy crisis. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate recognize and commend South Carolina’s recyclers for their significant efforts to protect the environment, promote energy efficiency, and improve the state’s economy, and the members of the South Carolina Senate hereby declare Wednesday, February 3, 2010, as “South Carolina Recyclers Day”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Gerry Fishbeck of United Resource Recovery Corporation and Chairman of the Recycling Market Development Advisory Council; Mr. Mike Gipko of Nucor Steel ‑ South Carolina and Carolina Recycling Association’s Business and Industry Council; and Mrs. Holly Bullman, President of the Carolina Recycling Association.

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