**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF BEAUFORT ON THE OCCASION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTER, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AS THIS HISTORIC AREA IN THE LOWCOUNTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CELEBRATES ITS HISTORY AND FOUNDING.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives notes with pleasure that the City of Beaufort will celebrate its three hundredth anniversary on January 17, 2011; and

Whereas, chartered in 1711, it is the second‑oldest city in South Carolina and is located on Port Royal Island in the heart of the sea islands and lowcountry; and

Whereas, Beaufort’s history is both long and significant. The surrounding area was the site of one of the earliest European settlements in the New World and has played important roles in the nation’s Revolutionary War and Civil War eras. It has been a backdrop for major motion pictures, a staging ground for military battles and training, a hub of trade, and one of the most attractive tourist and retirement destinations the country has to offer; and

Whereas, today, Beaufort is renowned for its scenic location and for maintaining its historic character through impressive antebellum architecture. Known also for its neighboring military establishments, the city lies in close proximity to Parris Island and a U.S. naval hospital, in addition to being home to the Marine Corps Air Station; and

Whereas, though small in size, its reputation is widely known across the country and around the world. Among many other honors, the city has been featured in the *New York Times*, named “Best Small Southern Town” by *Southern Living*, proclaimed a “Top 25 Small City Arts Destination” by *American Style*, and highlighted as a “Top 50 Adventure Town” by *National Geographic Adventure*; and

Whereas, in 2011, Beaufort’s three‑hundred‑year history will be celebrated with a number of different events designed to engage children, seniors, and everyone in‑between. Family‑friendly exhibits, community documentation, film, photography, writing, art, dance, theatre, lectures, programs, and other creative outlets will tell the city’s story; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives commends Beaufort’s mayor and city council member on their outstanding leadership of the Beaufort tricentennial commemoration. The House also commends the citizens of Beaufort for bringing this delightful event to the Palmetto State and encourages all South Carolinians to patronize and enjoy its offerings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the City of Beaufort on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of its charter, and extend best wishes to all the citizens of Beaufort County as this historic area in the Lowcountry of South Carolina celebrates its history and founding.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mayor Billy Keyserling on behalf of the citizens of Beaufort.

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