**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK” OF APRIL 20‑24, 2009, AND ON “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY” ON APRIL 22, 2009, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING OUR STATE’S AND NATION’S YOUTH.

Whereas, serving nearly thirty‑three thousand students across our State, independent colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high quality, post‑secondary educational opportunities; and

Whereas, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and nurturing students, adapting to ever‑evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

Whereas, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

Whereas, in recognition and appreciation for all our State’s wonderful independent colleges and universities, Governor Mark Sanford has proclaimed April 20‑24, 2009, as “Independent College and University Week” in South Carolina and April 22, 2009, as “Independent College and University Day”; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, by this resolution, joins with Governor Sanford in expressing deep appreciation to all these fine South Carolina institutions for their role in providing an outstanding education to students from all walks of life; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further encourages all South Carolinians to recognize our independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions in ensuring our state’s continued status as a leader in higher education. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly recognize and express deep appreciation to the independent colleges and universities in South Carolina during “Independent College and University Week” of April 20‑24, 2009, and on “Independent College and University Day” on April 22, 2009, for their outstanding contributions in educating our state’s and nation’s youth.

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