**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND BENEDICT COLLEGE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FOR PARTNERING TO HOST THE “2012 THIRD ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT: THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND INNOVATION” ON MARCH 23, 2012, AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO COOPERATE WITH LIKE‑MINDED ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES TO HEIGHTEN PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND INNOVATIVE LEGISLATION.

Whereas, developing transportation systems in ways that strengthen businesses and communities is essential to our economic competitiveness; and

Whereas, both the federal government and the State of South Carolina strive to provide safe and reliable roads and sidewalks that are key to supporting commerce and the people who live in a community; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration South Carolina Division, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are responsible for maintaining a transportation planning process for the State of South Carolina that includes innovative strategies and recommendations for the improvement of job creation, workforce development, and highway safety and planning; and

Whereas, Benedict College, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration South Carolina Division, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration have collaborated to address transportation safety, research, innovation, job creation, and workforce development; and

Whereas, South Carolina has made significant progress towards developing legislation, especially legislation to promote job creation, growth and innovation among small businesses, and highway safety. To facilitate further progress, colleges and universities should participate with other like‑minded agencies in education, insurance, law enforcement, nonprofit work, policy, technology, and transportation in order to increase public awareness and education about the importance of these issues; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the perspicacity and innovative efforts of Dr. David H. Swinton, President of Benedict College; Mr. Leroy Smith, Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; General Robert J. St. Onge, Jr., Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation; Mr. Bob Lee, South Carolina Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration; and Mr. Curtis Thomas, South Carolina Division Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend Benedict College, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration South Carolina Division, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for partnering to host the “2012 Transportation Summit: The Importance of Transportation Safety and Innovation” on March 23, 2012, and encourage other South Carolina colleges and universities to cooperate with like‑minded organizations and agencies to heighten public awareness and education concerning the issue of transportation safety and innovative legislation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. David H. Swinton, President of Benedict College; Mr. Leroy Smith, Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; General Robert J. St. Onge, Jr., Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation; Mr. Bob Lee, South Carolina Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration; and Mr. Curtis Thomas, South Carolina Division Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

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