**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PICKENS COUNTY CULTURAL COMMISSION, AND TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIDDLING CHAMPIONSHIP AT HAGOOD MILL’S SIXTEENTH ANNUAL OLE TIME FIDDLIN’ CONVENTION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the Pickens County Cultural Commission is sponsoring Music in the Mountains 2012 to kick off its fall season with the Hagood Mill’s Sixteenth Annual Ole Time Fiddlin’ Convention on the mill’s outdoor stage on September 15, 2012; and

Whereas, located just north of Pickens and south of the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway, Hagood Mill will host the event reminiscent of a Southern tradition in the region that harkens back to the early 1900s, when fiddling contests were held at Tillman Hall on the Clemson College campus; and

Whereas, the event will introduce the First Annual South Carolina State Fiddling Championship with music that will cause smiles to abound and toes to tap in recognition of old favorites and in delight over new tunes and arrangements; and

Whereas, awards and cash prizes will be given to the top three performers in each of the categories: string band, banjo, guitar, adult open, junior open, junior fiddle, and Ole Time Fiddle; and

Whereas, the winner of the Ole Time Fiddle Competition will be designated the 2012 South Carolina State Fiddling Champion, and the audience will be treated to a day of rip‑roaring, foot‑stomping music by some of the state’s finest fiddlers and old‑time musicians; and

Whereas, adding to the event’s entertainment, musicians with their various stringed instruments are encouraged to join open jams on site throughout the day; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the outstanding efforts of the Pickens County Cultural Commission in promoting the First Annual South Carolina State Fiddling Championship that will richly benefit citizens of the Palmetto State with the arts. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Pickens County Cultural Commission, and celebrate the First Annual South Carolina State Fiddling Championship at Hagood Mill’s Sixteenth Annual Ole Time Fiddlin’ Convention.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Pickens County Cultural Commission.

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