**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REBUKE THE UNFORTUNATE COMMENTS MADE BY SENATOR RICK SANTORUM UPON HIS RECENT VISIT TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, former Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania visited South Carolina on February 21 and 22, 2011; and

Whereas, Senator Santorum has stated he is considering becoming a presidential candidate, and his visit marked his tenth trip to South Carolina since 2009; and

Whereas, during a stop at the Carolina Pregnancy Center in Spartanburg, Senator Santorum made the insensitive statement that: “The most dangerous place for an African‑American in this country is in the womb”; and

Whereas, Senator Santorum went on to compare abortion to slavery in this same speech; and

Whereas, at best, his remarks demonstrate a lack of understanding of the great challenges placed in front of African‑Americans and the considerable advances African‑Americans have made in this State; and

Whereas, considering how far South Carolina has come as a State, the members of the House must not allow such distasteful comments to go without reproof; and

Whereas, Senator Santorum’s statements have no place in American political dialogue and should not be tolerated by the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, Senator Santorum’s deplorable comments are of great misfortune and, at a minimum, warrant an apology for his offensive and narrow‑minded proclamations; and

Whereas, all citizens of this great state and country should treat one another with respect and civility, but public figures likely seeking to lead this nation and its citizens should especially do so. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, rebuke the unfortunate comments made by Senator Rick Santorum upon his recent visit to South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Rick Santorum.

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