**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011, AS “SOUTH CAROLINA E‑CYCLES DAY,” AND TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PRIMARY SPONSOR, LG ELECTRONICS USA, AS WELL AS THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND THE MANY OTHER BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MAKING MULTIPLE E‑WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS POSSIBLE ON THAT DAY.

Whereas, discarded electronics, also known as e‑waste or e‑scrap, compose one of the fastest‑growing waste streams in the country; and

Whereas, e‑waste is a highly recyclable waste stream that contains valuable materials; and

Whereas, recycling of e‑waste protects the environment by reducing landfill volumes and conserves natural resources by turning this waste stream into valuable raw materials; and

Whereas, recycling of e‑waste promotes economic development by helping to create jobs and grow businesses that recover materials and turn them into new products, and the recycling industry as a whole contributes $6.5 billion annually to South Carolina’s economy; and

Whereas, in 2010, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation to promote e‑waste recycling by providing consumers with convenient recycling programs for televisions and computing and printing devices. Also, as of July 1, 2011, landfill disposal of these e‑waste streams will be prohibited; and

Whereas, to help educate South Carolina’s citizens about the provisions of the new e‑cycling law and to collect as much residential e‑waste as possible ahead of the July 1, 2011, effective date of the law, electronics‑recycling leader LG Electronics USA has joined forces with DHEC and Waste Management to sponsor, with their many partners, residential e‑waste collection events in the Upstate, Midstate, and Lowcountry that are free, convenient, and secure for our citizens; and

Whereas, cognizant of the importance and necessity of electronics recycling, the General Assembly wishes to encourage all citizens of South Carolina to participate in one of the three residential e‑waste collection events being held around the Palmetto State on April 30, 2011. Now therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, declare Saturday, April 30, 2011, as “South Carolina E‑Cycles Day,” and recognize and commend the primary sponsor, LG Electronics USA, as well as the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Waste Management, and the many other businesses, governmental entities, and organizations that are making multiple e‑waste collection events possible on that day.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to LG Electronics USA, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and Waste Management.

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