**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WEST GREENVILLE COMMUNITY REUNION AND TO COMMEND THEM FOR THE IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY MADE ON THE PALMETTO STATE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that many former residents of the West Greenville community will gather for the West Greenville Community Reunion on July 2, 2011; and

Whereas, in 1914 Stradleyville, a suburb located southwest of the Greenville city limits, was incorporated into the City of Greenville, and in 1948 Stradleyville became known as the West Greenville community; and

Whereas, during the first half of the twentieth century, Greenville was widely considered the textile capital of the world, and West Greenville was an energetic community that reflected the friendly rivalry between various mills; and

Whereas, West Greenville consisted of focal points that fostered its friendly reputation and environment, such as Groce Street Center and Park, now known as the West Greenville Community Center, the S.O. Walker Pool, churches, schools and family‑owned stores; and

Whereas, in a community that deeply valued learning, West Greenville Elementary School educated most children in the West Greenville Community, many of whom proceeded to make a positive impact in their respective communities as physicians, attorneys, builders, military officers, ministers, educators, and in other professions and occupations. Beginning as a four-room structure, part of the school building remains today; and

Whereas, the West Greenville Community Reunion seeks to bridge the past and the present and to strengthen the lifelong relationships that exist today among those who lived there in earlier years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful that former residents of the West Greenville community will reunite there to reminisce about times past, appreciate the redevelopment and growth that has occurred in the community, and share their hopes for the future of the community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the participants in the West Greenville Community Reunion and to commend them for the impact their community made on the palmetto state and around the world.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the members of the West Greenville Community Reunion.

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