**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CITIZENS OF CALHOUN FALLS UPON THE DEDICATION OF THE CALHOUN FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS CENTER.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Calhoun Falls will celebrate the dedication of the new Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center on Saturday, February 4, 2012, with a ceremony and open house; and

Whereas, in 1997, Pat Hester of Mt. Carmel donated the building at the corner of Cox Avenue and Savannah Street to the Town of Calhoun Falls, which for many years had housed a Gulf service station owned and operated by the late Jacob “Jake” Cooley; and

Whereas, the renovation of the building took almost a year to complete with the assistance of generous volunteer labor of many citizens and with a heating and air system financed by the town; and

Whereas, with seventeen thousand dollars raised by the Chamber for the project, the professional labor necessary for the completion of the renovation was funded; and

Whereas, numerous donated items have enhanced the interior of the new center, such as a beautiful table from Calhoun Mills Antiques and Old Stuff and carpeting for the entire building from Mohawk Industries; and

Whereas, in the years ahead, the eloquent words of the former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill will certainly prove true for the citizens of Calhoun Falls: “We shape our buildings, and afterwards, our buildings shape us”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the sacrifice on the part of the citizens of Calhoun Falls to facilitate the opening of the new Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center and wish them great success as they use the new center to strengthen commerce in their community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the citizens of Calhoun Falls upon the dedication of the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Shirley York, executive director for the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce.

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