**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 8, 2012, “YORK COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, nestled between the Broad River on the west and the Catawba River on the east in the state’s hardy Piedmont, York County is home to such jewels as Historic Brattonsville and illustrious Winthrop University; and

Whereas, with more than 232,815 South Carolina citizens, York County constitutes just over five percent of the state’s total population; and

Whereas, York County is the state’s fastest growing county, with an average annual‑growth rate of nearly four percent and a nine‑year population increase of almost thirty‑two percent; and

Whereas, the estimated assessment of real and manufacturing property in York County exceeded six hundred eighty million dollars in 2011, which is a substantial increase from the previous year and represents approximately four percent of the state’s total assessment of real and manufacturing property; and

Whereas, the state’s eighth highest producing county in retail sales last year, York County provided more than four and a half billion dollars to state coffers and over four percent of South Carolina’s total retail sales; and

Whereas, attractions such as Carowinds draw a myriad of visitors from all over North and South Carolina, and events like the Clover Scottish Games and Scotch Irish Festival and the South Carolina Strawberry Festival in Fort Mill showcase the warm hospitality and natural beauty of the county; and

Whereas, the citizens of York County passed their own one‑cent sales tax in 1997, again in 2003, and yet again in 2011 to collect a total of four hundred thirty‑five million dollars to be used to pay for critical road improvements, which also enhance the efficiency of the state’s road system. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize York County as a vital part of the Palmetto State, and declare February 8, 2012, “York County Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the four chambers of commerce in York County.

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