**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND WELCOME THE LIGON FAMILY MEMBERS TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE LIGON FAMILY AND KINSMEN ASSOCIATION REUNION AND TO WELCOME THEIR HONORED GUEST, LADY ROSALIND MORRISON OF MADRESFIELD COURT, ENGLAND.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association will hold its biennial reunion in Charleston from June 21 through June 24, 2012; and

Whereas, in a time when mobility and displacement from family roots make family relationships more difficult to sustain, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the efforts of the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association members to maintain family identity as they gather and reunite to remember and celebrate their heritage; and

Whereas, the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association provides a warm familial connection that allows the members, all of whom are documented descendents of their immigrant ancestor, Colonel Thomas Ligon of Virginia, to celebrate their roots; and

Whereas, the Ligons meet every two years in the United States and every ten years in England, where they convene at their ancestral home, Madresfield Court, which stands on approximately 4000 acres at the foot of the Malvern Hills in Worcestershire, England; and

Whereas, the Ligons are excited to reunite with one of their English cousins, Lady Rosalind Morrison of Madresfield Court, who will be the guest of honor at the Charleston reunion; and

Whereas, amid much laughter and camaraderie of the weekend‑long reunion the Ligons will enjoy a luncheon cruise in the Charleston Harbor, a visit to Middleton Place Plantation, and a prayer service at First Scots Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association has enjoyed many gatherings in a variety of locations and venues and is sure to have another extraordinary reunion on the picturesque cobblestone streets of the warm Southern city of Charleston. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and welcome the Ligon family members to Charleston, South Carolina, for the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association Reunion and welcome their honored guest, Lady Rosalind Morrison of Madresfield Court, England.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association and to Lady Rosalind Morrison.

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