**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE SUMTER COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011, “SUMTER COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Sumter County is home to over one hundred six thousand South Carolina citizens, and the City of Sumter is the eight largest city in the State; and

Whereas, ranking seventeenth of the state’s forty‑six counties in total tourism revenues, Sumter County’s tourism industry has an annual economic impact of nearly seventy million dollars; and

Whereas, Sumter County recently began a consolidation process for its two public‑school districts, the first county to consolidate into one district since the 1950’s; and

Whereas, the eight thousand manufacturing jobs located in Sumter County represent more than one billion dollars in annual economic impact for the county, and Au’Some Candies recently announced plans to open a plant in Sumter, the Hong Kong headquartered company’s first plant to locate in North America; and

Whereas, in 2008, the citizens of Sumter County passed their own one‑cent sales tax which will provide seventy‑five million dollars for new facilities, programs, and quality of life for the citizens of the county; and

Whereas, Sumter is home to both Central Carolina Technical College, the sixteenth fastest‑growing community college in the nation in 2010, and USC Sumter, which continues to grow and is an integral component of the higher education system in Sumter. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize Sumter County as a vital part of the great State of South Carolina, and make Wednesday, February 23, 2011, “Sumter County Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce in Sumter County.

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