**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, 33˚, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the South Carolina Council of Deliberation of the United Supreme Council, 33˚, Southern Jurisdiction, will mark its half‑century with an anniversary celebration in Columbia on March 26, 2011; and

Whereas, the first Scottish Rite organization among African Americans was the African Grand Council of 1820 in Philadelphia, and in 1881, the Northern Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction formed from the merger of five smaller councils; and

Whereas, the national headquarters of the Supreme Council 33˚, Southern Jurisdiction, has been in Washington, D.C., since 1915; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Council of Deliberation of the Southern Jurisdiction is part of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, whose motto is: “Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscious our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the noble work of the South Carolina Council of Deliberation in the Palmetto State and wish the members a joyful celebration of their momentous fiftieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the members of the South Carolina Council of Deliberation, United Supreme Council, 33˚, Southern Jurisdiction, upon the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Johnell E. Mack, deputy for South Carolina.

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