COMMITTEE REPORT

May 24, 2011

**S. 823**

Introduced by Senators Knotts, Ford, Williams, Setzler, Campbell, O’Dell, Bryant, Rankin, Cleary, McConnell, McGill, Land, Campsen and Cromer

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**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 823) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 1‑1‑681 so as to designate collard greens as the official, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

NELSON L. HARDWICK for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑681 SO AS TO DESIGNATE COLLARD GREENS AS THE OFFICIAL STATE VEGETABLE.

Whereas, the State of South Carolina ranks second in the nation for collard green production; and

Whereas, Lexington County ranks first among counties in South Carolina for collard green production; and

Whereas, collard greens are a healthy addition to any southern meal. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑1‑681. Collard greens are the official vegetable of the State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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