**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND MAYOR BRONCO BOSTICK, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE CITIZENS OF HARDEEVILLE FOR A CENTURY OF DISPLAYING THE CHARM AND DIGNITY OF THIS SOUTH CAROLINA JEWEL.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the City of Hardeeville will reach the milestone of its one hundredth anniversary and will be hosting a celebration of that event on April 9, 2011; and

Whereas, nestled in the Lowcountry splendor of Jasper County between the Savannah River and the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the City of Hardeeville quietly boasts enchanting coastal plains filled with South Carolina waterways, wildlife, and vegetation; and

Whereas, originally settled by Isaac Hardee, Hardeeville was the peaceful home of several rice plantations until it expanded in the 1830s when timber became an important crop with the advent of the railroad and its extension of commerce and shipping opportunities; and

Whereas, through the efforts of Isaac Hardee’s son William White Hardee, a depot and general store along the railway from Charleston to Savannah opened up in Hardeeville; and

Whereas, during the Civil War, Union forces considered the Charleston and Savannah Railway, today’s CSX railway, a prized possession and a major strategic goal for their victory; in defense of the railroad, the Battle of Honey Hill in the Hardeeville area was one of the last battles won by Confederate forces in late 1864; and

Whereas, Hardeeville was incorporated on April 9, 1911, and the introduction of South Carolina’s complex interstate‑highway system in the mid‑twentieth century provided new growth opportunities for Hardeeville; then the city’s annexation of large undeveloped tracts of land in 2010 increased the city limits from five square miles to fifty square miles; and

Whereas, in 2010, the United States Census Bureau recorded Hardeeville’s population at almost three thousand, an increase of sixty‑four percent from the previous census in 2000; and

Whereas, governed by an elected, non‑partisan city council, consisting of one mayor and four council members who have carefully developed plans to guide its new growth, Hardeeville could easily become one of the largest ten cities on the State in the years ahead; and

Whereas, on April 9, 2011, with song and dance, prayer and praise, the City of Hardeeville plans a celebration to rehearse a century of community life and to anticipate a bright future enhanced by the rich heritage of the past. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the City of Hardeeville, and congratulate and commend Mayor Bronco Bostick, the city council, and the citizens of Hardeeville for a century of displaying the charm and dignity of this South Carolina jewel.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Bronco Bostick.

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