**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CAPITAL CITY/LAKE MURRAY COUNTRY REGIONAL TOURISM BOARD ON THIRTY YEARS IN BUSINESS, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board (CCLMC) will celebrate thirty years of service to the Midlands at the annual meeting to be held on August 4, 2011; and

Whereas, representing Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Saluda counties and all of the towns and cities within the region, CCLMC seeks to stimulate the economic and cultural environment, provide recreational opportunities, enhance recreational facilities and public services, and promote good business; and

Whereas, in an effort to promote tourism, CCLMC, one of the state’s eleven tourism regions, works in coordination with The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and The South Carolina Association of Tourism Regions; and

Whereas, having generated over $827 million in tourism revenues for the State, CCLMC uses an average of forty percent of its budget to market tourism in the region; and

Whereas, CCLMC has supported and created many projects and events related to tourism, including the relocation and restoration of the Historic Lorick Plantation House and obtaining funds and creating programs to maintain and provide reference lights for Lake Murray; and

Whereas, providing national televised coverage throughout the United States, numerous national fishing tournaments on Lake Murray are hosted by CCLMC, and the organization has also created the Lake Murray Fourth of July Celebration, recognized as a top twenty event in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society; and

Whereas, CCLMC has received many awards over the years, including being named South Carolina’s Most Outstanding Tourism Attraction by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and the 2009 South Carolina Governor’s Cup on Tourism for hosting the Forrest Wood Cup; and

Whereas, the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board continues to showcase the beauty of the historical sites and recreational facilities nestled in the Southern hospitality of the Midlands for both visitors and residents to discover. 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, congratulate the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board on thirty years in business, and wish them continued prosperity.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the board of directors of the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board.

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