**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND PENDLETON DISTRICT COMMISSION ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly have learned that the Pendleton District Commission is celebrating its forty-fifth year of service to South Carolina and the three-county region of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens; and

Whereas, their mission is to collect, preserve, and promote the rich history of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties, and to promote economic development through tourism in the region; and

Whereas, the Pendleton District Historical, Recreational and Tourism Commission has contributed to the development of the tourism industry of South Carolina and of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties since 1966, pre‑dating South Carolina’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and

Whereas, the Commission has enhanced the economic development of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties through tourism development and marketing by attracting and providing for tourists; and

Whereas, the Commission has produced and promoted Historic Pendleton Spring Jubilee continuously since 1978; and

Whereas, the Commission has preserved historic sites and structures forming and operating Stumphouse Tunnel park as a tourism attraction in Oconee County, and aiding local historic preservation in Anderson County by purchasing historic structures including the Caldwell‑Johnson‑Morris House, the Frierson Schoolhouse, and the Carnegie Library; and

Whereas, the Commission also assisted in the creation of the Anderson County Museum, the preservation of Hagood Mill in Pickens County, and with the development of the Alexander‑Hill House at High Falls Park in Oconee County; and

Whereas, the Commission has and still does collect, preserve, and make available for research family and local history papers at the Pendleton District Research Room and Special Collections; and

Whereas, the Commission has preserved artifacts, documents, and photographs important to the three‑county region; and

Whereas, the Commission began the Pendleton District Century Farm Program in 1974 to recognize families whose lands have remained within the same family for at least one hundred years; and

Whereas, the Commission has been the steward of the statewide South Carolina Century Farm Program since 1976; and

Whereas, the Commission has operated and managed the Pendleton District Agricultural Museum showcasing pre‑1925 farm implements, machinery, farm life artifacts, and farming documents since 1976; and

Whereas, the Commission has operated a Visitor Center to direct visitors across the three counties of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens and across South Carolina continuously for forty-five years. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Pendleton District Commission on the occasion of their 45th year of service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Pendleton District Commission.

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