**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BUCKNER FAMILY REUNION AND TO CONGRATULATE THE FAMILY MEMBERS UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR THIRTIETH ANNUAL GATHERING.

Whereas, in a time when mobility and displacement from family roots make family relationships more difficult to sustain, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in commending the efforts of the Buckner Family Reunion to maintain family identity and fellowship as they reunite on August 6, 2011; and

Whereas, Amy Lingard and Snowden Buckner, Sr., began their lives in South Carolina during hard times with thirteen children, Archie, Lee, Herbert, Posey, Carrie, Walter, Hattie, Laurie, Robert, Snowden, Jr., Conner, Gertrude, and Frank. In 1981, Amy and Snowden’s descendants established the Buckner Family Reunion in Varnville to remember and celebrate their heritage; and

Whereas, in the year of its founding, the Buckner Family Reunion listed ten members on its rolls. Lonzo Buckner, Sr., Lonzo Buckner, Jr., Marvin Buckner, Ella M. Wilson, David Buckner, Larry Davis, Evelyn Buckner, Chrisher Davis, Marie Mears, and Gloria Morris were the pioneers who initiated the soon‑to‑be annual gathering; and

Whereas, for three decades, Buckner family members have celebrated “One Family of Love”through an annual reunion, the location of which rotates through the home areas of its established chapters, each of which enjoys heritage linked to Amy Lingard and Snowden Buckner, Sr. The Buckner Family Reunions have exemplified a passionate commitment toward preservation of family and community; and

Whereas, the Buckner Family Reunion has established chapters in Florida, Maryland/District of Columbia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and Georgia; and

Whereas, in 2010, the family established a South Carolina Branch within the original South Carolina Chapter to lead efforts toward hosting the thirtieth annual Buckner Family Reunion in Columbia, and the family has named August 6, 2011, as Buckner Family Reunion Day; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the legacy of the Buckner family members and wish them much happiness as they experience the benefits of their thirtieth family reunion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Buckner Family Reunion and congratulate the family members upon the occasion of their thirtieth annual gathering.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Buckner Family Reunion.

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