**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BENEDICT COLLEGE HARAMBEE FESTIVAL AND CONGRATULATE THE COLLEGE ON THE TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT’S FOUNDING.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the twenty‑fifth annual Benedict College Harambee Festival will be held this year on Saturday, February 22, 2014, as part of a weekend of events celebrating African‑American History Month; and

Whereas, expressive of multiculturalism, inclusion, and advocacy of African‑American and Southern history and culture, the Harambee Festival has grown since its founding in 1989 to become one of the largest college‑sponsored festivals in the nation, with admission free to all and activities that appeal to the entire family; and

Whereas, among other attractions, the festival features good gospel music headlined by the nationally famed award‑winning Benedict College Gospel Choir, all‑day stage performances, mouth‑watering food, jazz, contemporary music, health screenings, and empowerment workshops. In addition, visitors will enjoy a classic car and bike show, a children’s village, a baking contest (with cash prizes ranging from fifty to one hundred dollars for the best desserts), an art exhibit, and the African Village of hard‑to‑find merchandise; and

Whereas, the Harambee Festival has set as one of its goals the endowment of a scholarship for deserving students; and

Whereas, appreciative of the fine work done by Benedict College in sponsoring the Harambee Festival, the Senate encourages all citizens of our great State to attend this signal event, and the members take great pleasure in saluting Benedict College at the celebration of the festival’s silver anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate by this resolution, recognize and honor the Benedict College Harambee Festival and congratulate the college on the twenty‑fifth anniversary of the event’s founding.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Harambee Festival Organizational Committee of Benedict College.

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