**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK,” APRIL 7 THROUGH 11, 2014, AND ON “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY,” APRIL 9, 2014, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING THE YOUNG ADULTS OF OUR STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, serving more than thirty‑three thousand students across our State, independent colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high quality, post‑secondary educational opportunities; and

Whereas, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and adapting to ever‑evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

Whereas, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

Whereas, the organization that represents twenty of these institutions of higher learning, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, has for more than sixty years provided a voice for independent higher education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in recognition of, and appreciation for, all our state’s outstanding independent colleges and universities, Governor Nikki Haley has proclaimed April 7 through 11, 2014, as “Independent College and University Week” in South Carolina and April 9, 2014, as “Independent College and University Day”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to join Governor Haley in expressing deep appreciation to all these fine institutions for their role in providing an outstanding values‑based education to students from all walks of life; and

Whereas, further, the General Assembly encourages all South Carolinians to recognize the state’s independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions in ensuring our state’s continued status as a leader in higher education. 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, recognize and honor the independent colleges and universities in South Carolina during “Independent College and University Week,” April 7 through 11, 2014, and on “Independent College and University Day,” April 9, 2014, for their outstanding contributions in educating the young adults of our State and nation.

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