**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE THE UNIVERSITY ON ITS extended history in the State and on the MANY CONTRIBUTIONS it has made TO THE CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia‑born, European‑educated engineer, musician and artist who married John C. Calhoun’s daughter, Anna, and settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Clemson believed that the way to rebuild his adopted state’s war‑ravaged economy was through scientific education, so he left his home and fortune to the State of South Carolina to create the institution that bears his name; and

Whereas, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains surrounded by Lake Hartwell and its own forest, Clemson University is ranked number twenty‑five among national public universities‑‑a major, land‑grant, science‑ and engineering‑oriented research university that maintains a strong commitment to teaching and student success; and

Whereas, Clemson University is an inclusive, student‑centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit, and a competitive drive to excel, having provided educational opportunities for the young people of South Carolina and beyond, now with almost 125,000 living alumni worldwide; and

Whereas, Clemson University’s economic impact on the State of South Carolina accounts for nearly 25,000 jobs and its economic development and research initiatives are helping to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture providing statewide research, extension and regulatory programs (Public Service Activities) to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters and land managers; and

Whereas, nearly 125 years after its opening, Clemson University continues to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina to establish a “high seminary of learning” and “develop the material resources of the state” through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of teaching, research and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, declare Tuesday, May 13, 2014, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina and to recognize the university on its extended history in the State and for the many contributions it has made to the citizens of the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to James P. Clements, Ph.D., President of Clemson University.

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