**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE FOR THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND TO JOIN IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE SMITH‑LEVER ACT.

Whereas, 2014 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Smith‑Lever Act, which formalized the Cooperative Extension Service, a state‑by‑state, national network of educators who extend university‑based knowledge to the people; and

Whereas, in 1914, Congress expanded the land‑grant university’s mission with the Smith‑Lever Act. This act established the Cooperative Extension Service, a national system to take information generated by land‑grant university scientists directly to the people throughout each state; and

Whereas, South Carolina played a key role as an early leader in the extension movement with the “Clemson Model” of extension serving as the basis for the Smith‑Lever Act, authored by Georgia Senator Michael Hoke Smith and South Carolina Congressman A. Frank Lever; and

Whereas, Lever, a Clemson successor trustee, was devoted to the needs of agriculture and farming interests across South Carolina and the United States; and

Whereas, the national Cooperative Extension Service engages citizens to improve economic development and quality of life by delivering research‑based information in agriculture, natural resources, food safety and nutrition, economic and community development, and a 4‑H youth development; and

Whereas, South Carolina Cooperative Extension is based at the state’s two land‑grant institutions‑‑Clemson University and South Carolina State University, with Clemson Extension agents serving in all forty‑six counties and at the university’s five Research and Education Centers. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, express the sincere appreciation of the members of the South Carolina Senate for the Cooperative Extension Service and join in the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the passage of the Smith‑Lever Act.

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

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