**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CLOVER AND TO DECLARE MARCH 17, 2013, AS “CLOVER’S QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, a small town located in rural York County, Clover offers family‑friendly charm in a setting where residents can enjoy community life; and

Whereas, its history begins in the eighteenth century. By the 1760s, the surge of the Scotch‑Irish into South Carolina had commenced, and the area around Clover grew from settlers such as the Campbells, McCalls, Neelys, Smiths, Henrys, Fitchetts, Knoxes, McElwees, and Jacksons; and

Whereas, the Town of Clover began around the site of a five‑thousand‑gallon water tank constructed to serve the steam engines of the Chester and Lenoir Railroad Narrow Gauge Railroad in the 1800s. According to legend, excess water spilling on the ground caused patches of clover to spring up. As a result, residents affectionately referred to the town as Clover Patch; and

Whereas, on December 24, 1887, the town was chartered and became a booming textile community. Textiles continue to play a part in the community’s economy. Since its chartering, the town has grown steadily, reaching a population of 5,094 in 2010; and

Whereas, today, in addition to sponsoring its own exciting downtown activities, such as the Scotch‑Irish Festival and annual Christmas parade, Clover provides easy access to nearby attractions, such as the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and Carolina beaches, as well as Historic Brattonsville, a 775‑acre living‑history museum that gives a look at life in South Carolina during the Revolutionary and Civil War periods. Clover is also a convenient thirty miles from Charlotte; and

Whereas, during its anniversary observance, the Town of Clover plans a celebration to rehearse one hundred twenty‑five years of community life and to anticipate a bright future enhanced by the rich heritage of the past; and

Whereas, past and approaching anniversary events include the anniversary kickoff; Ghost of Clover’s Past Historic Tour; an artifact collection and veteran video biography; a geocaching history tour of Clover with prizes; Hometown Holiday Celebration culminating with Clover’s 42nd Annual Christmas Parade; anniversary tree planting; anniversary premiere party featuring the debut of a new Clover 2012 movie, new Clover Hall of Fame, and Clover Through the Years exhibit; and the burying of a time capsule at the anniversary finale; and

Whereas, many distinguished natives of Clover have served the State of South Carolina, such as O. Frank Thornton, Herb Kirsh, W. Herbert Smith, J.B. “Bate” Harvey, J.E. “Jim” Beamguard, Stan Spears, Dr. I.J. Campbell, and J. Moffatt Wylie. The town will honor these men by inducting them into the new Clover Hall of Fame at the anniversary premiere party; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to join the Town of Clover in honoring its past, celebrating its present, and looking with enthusiasm toward its future, and the members extend heartiest congratulations on the town’s quasquicentennial commemoration. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, celebrate the one hundred twenty‑fifth anniversary of the Town of Clover and declare March 17, 2013, as “Clover’s Quasquicentennial Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Donnie Grice.

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