**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK” OF APRIL 15 THROUGH 19, 2013, AND ON “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY” ON APRIL 17, 2013, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING THE YOUTH OF OUR STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, serving more than thirty‑four 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 nurturing students, 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, celebrates its sixtieth year as *A Voice for Higher Education in South Carolina*; and

Whereas, in recognition and appreciation for all of our state’s outstanding independent colleges and universities, Governor Nikki Haley has proclaimed April 15 through 19, 2013, as “Independent College and University Week” in South Carolina and April 17, 2013, as “Independent College and University Day”; and

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

Whereas, the General Assembly further encourages all South Carolinians to recognize the state’s independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions in ensuring South Carolina’s continued status as a leader in higher education. 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, recognize and express deep appreciation to the independent colleges and universities in South Carolina during “Independent College and University Week” of April 15 through 19, 2013, and on “Independent College and University Day” on April 17, 2013, for their outstanding contributions in educating the youth of our State and nation.

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