**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. KATE CLIFFORD LARSON FOR HER SCHOLARLY AND INSIGHTFUL OPUS ON THE LIFE, WORK, AND COMPLEXITY OF HARRIET TUBMAN, AN UNSUNG GIANT OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND TO WELCOME HER AS SHE SPEAKS AT TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH COMMEMORATION OF THE COMBAHEE RIVER RAID.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to commend the significant work of Dr. Kate Larson, *Bound For The Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of An American Hero*, and to welcome her to the Palmetto State on June 2, 2013; and

Whereas, she will join in the commemoration of Harriet Tubman’s plan and execution of the June 1, 1863, raid from Port Royal twenty‑five miles up the Combahee River with Union Colonel Montgomery and the three hundred black soldiers of the Second South Carolina Volunteers that rescued some eight hundred slaves and crippled the local Rebel economy; and

Whereas, currently serving as the consulting historian for the National Park Service’s Harriet Tubman Special Resource Study, Dr. Larson is a recognized expert and widely published author concerning Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad; and

Whereas, *Bound* explores not only the remarkable life story of the famous anti‑slavery and Underground Railroad activist, but also the personal experiences and emotions of this woman who sacrificed so much for others before and after the Civil War; and

Whereas, capitalizing on undiscovered and newly rediscovered documents and sources, Dr. Larson presents Harriet Tubman as once a brilliant, shrewd, and deeply religious woman who was passionate in her pursuit of liberty and freedom; and

Whereas, Kate Larson earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and history from Simmons College in 1980 and a master’s degree in business administration from Northeastern University in 1987, both located in Boston, Massachusetts; a master’s degree in liberal studies with distinction from her alma mater in 1995; and a doctorate degree in history from the University of New Hampshire in 2003; and

Whereas, her doctoral dissertation on the life and memory of Harriet Tubman earned her a finalist’s position for the 2004 Lerner‑Scott Dissertation Award from the Organization of American Historians for the best dissertation in women’s history, and it was published by Ballantine Books/Random House in 2004 as *Bound For The Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of An American Hero*; and

Whereas, the recipient of numerous awards, fellowships, and grants in support of her work on Harriet Tubman, she currently teaches at Simmons College; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the significant work that Dr. Kate Larson has contributed to the body of literature on American history and on the importance that Harriet Tubman had in shaping our great nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Kate Clifford Larson for her scholarly and insightful opus on the life, work, and complexity of Harriet Tubman, an unsung giant of American history, and welcome her as she speaks at Tabernacle Baptist Church on the one hundred fiftieth commemoration of the Combahee River Raid.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Kate Clifford Larson.

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