**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DESIGNATE APRIL 18, 2014, AS “SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY,” AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO OBSERVE THE DAY WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.

Whereas, one hundred twenty‑five years ago, the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized and established in the State House of the State of South Carolina on April 18, 1889; and

Whereas, shortly thereafter, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized and established on April 30, 1889; and

Whereas, the activities of the Sons of the American Revolution are designed to inspire descendants of the patriots of the American Revolution and all people of the United States with respect and reverence for the principles of the government that were established by those patriots; and

Whereas, during the past one hundred twenty‑five years, more than one hundred ninety thousand members have joined the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, including three thousand six hundred South Carolinians, sixteen Presidents of the United States, members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Supreme Court justices, generals, admirals, ambassadors, veterans and active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, small businessmen, doctors, lawyers, ministers, professors, teachers, farmers, and members of every profession and calling, all of whom have had a deep affection for America’s heritage and institutions; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has approximately eight hundred members in eighteen chapters across the State, and the national society has approximately thirty‑two thousand with members in each state of the union and around the world; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Society sponsors programs to promote patriotic, educational, and historical interest in the American Revolution, including essay contests for high school students and Eagle Scouts, medal presentations to college and high school ROTC students, poster contests for elementary school students, Revolutionary War grave dedications, and volunteer work opportunities with veterans, to name a few; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Society also organizes battle site observances. The two largest are the annual Cowpens and Kings Mountain observances that draw approximately one hundred out‑of‑state visitors to South Carolina twice a year; and

Whereas, in July, 2014, the South Carolina Society will be hosting the National Society’s Annual National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution in Greenville, which is expected to draw approximately six‑hundred compatriots and guests from across the United States and Europe to the Upstate for one week; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly celebrate with the South Carolina Society and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as they commemorate their one hundred twenty‑fifth anniversary in 2014. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina by this resolution, designate April 18, 2014, as “Sons of the American Revolution Day,” and encourage the citizens of the State of South Carolina to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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