**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PRYSMIAN CABLES & SYSTEMS IN ABBEVILLE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AND THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON OUR STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PLANT UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Prysmian Group is celebrating a half century of production at its Abbeville facility on April 11, 2014; and

Whereas, in 1964, the Abbeville plant was built under the General Cable Company and opened as a low voltage operation; and

Whereas, the plant was acquired by Pirelli S.p.A. in 1978, and in 2005, Pirelli sold its national and international communication and power cables and systems companies to an investment fund of Goldman Sachs. The company was renamed Prysmian Group and became a new world leader in the energy and telecom cables and systems industry; and

Whereas, in January of 2008, construction started on the new building at the Abbeville plant, and in September 2009, production began at the new site; and

Whereas, in 1995, the plant received International Quality Standard certification; in 2000, the Abbeville plant received International Environmental Standard certification; and in 2011, it received ISO‑15001 certification; and

Whereas, today, the Prysmian plant in Abbeville is one of the largest and most diverse power cable plants in North America with an annual capacity of seventy thousand metric tons, and the plant has three hundred employees; and

Whereas. the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the standard of excellence set at the Prysmian plant in Abbeville and the substantial economic effect that the company has had on the Palmetto State for five decades. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Prysmian Cables & Systems in Abbeville for its outstanding success and the significant economic impact it has had on our State and congratulate the executive officers and employees of the plant upon the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary.

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