**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE MAY 11‑17, 2014, AS “NURSING HOME WEEK” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR STATE’S NURSING HOMES.

Whereas, in 1967, the American Health Care Association, a nonprofit federation of affiliated state health organizations, established National Nursing Home Week as part of Older Americans Month. National Nursing Home Week is a weeklong observance held in May, beginning on Mother’s Day, which annually is celebrated on the second Sunday in May; and

Whereas, National Nursing Home Week spotlights nursing home residents and staff and encourages everyone to celebrate the elders who make a positive difference in the lives of every American. The week also provides an opportunity to honor others who contribute to our nation’s nursing homes, such as family members and volunteers; and

Whereas, across the nation, nursing homes celebrate the week in various creative ways, for example, with a carnival featuring festive games, activities, and delicious treats; and

Whereas, cognizant that a supportive and caring nursing home environment provides enrichment for its senior residents and families to continue growing, learning, and teaching, the General Assembly, in conjunction with National Nursing Home Week, is pleased to declare May 11‑17, 2014, a special time to honor South Carolina’s nursing homes. 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, declare May 11‑17, 2014, as “Nursing Home Week” in South Carolina and thank all those who contribute to the success of our state’s nursing homes.

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