**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FEDERATION AND THE POULTRY INDUSTRY IT REPRESENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMY OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016, AS SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY DAY.

Whereas, in South Carolina’s economy, the poultry industry claims pride of place as the state’s largest agribusiness, with poultry sales equating to more than 1.5 billion dollars per year; and

Whereas, agribusiness overall in this great State is, by the year, a 41.7 billion‑dollar industry. Of this, forestry comprises seventeen billion, while poultry, livestock, and other agribusiness account for twenty‑five billion; and

Whereas, poultry comprises forty‑eight percent of all agribusiness, which equates to twelve billion dollars per year. Further, the poultry industry directly employs about eight thousand people in South Carolina; and

Whereas, founded in 1987 as a nonprofit corporation, the South Carolina Poultry Federation (SCPF) supports the poultry industry in the Palmetto State and has a general membership of over six hundred. For nearly twenty‑nine years, the SCPF has served producers and processors of turkey, chicken, quail, squab, and egg products, providing a united voice for the industry with government, media, and the general public. The federation’s labors are inspired by its mission to preserve, promote, and protect the activities that bring value to stakeholders of the poultry industry in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, SCPF officers, directors, and committee members represent all segments of the poultry industry and serve without compensation, giving freely of their time and talents to keep South Carolina’s poultry industry competitive; and

Whereas, federation membership consists of growers, producers, industry employees, allied industry suppliers, and “main street” businesses that recognize the importance of poultry in South Carolina’s economy. The organization hosts an annual educational conference for all members and serves as the nucleus for the operation of the state’s National Poultry Improvement Plan, which works to ensure that quality nutrition and food safety are never compromised. In addition, the SCPF works with state and federal agencies on behalf of members requesting assistance and has developed a legislative network among state growers and integrators to deal with issues of concern. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend the South Carolina Poultry Federation and the poultry industry it represents for their outstanding contributions to the economy of this great State and declare Wednesday, April 20, 2016, as South Carolina Poultry Day.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the South Carolina Poultry Federation.

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