**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORGANIZATION’S FORTY‑FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, TO BE HELD IN CHARLESTON FROM JUNE 8 TO JUNE 12, 2016.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) will hold its forty‑fifth annual convention in Charleston from June 8 to June 12, 2016, with the theme “45 Years of Making ‘Herstory’: Celebrating Democratic Women in Politics”; and

Whereas, the NFDW was formed in October 1971 when twenty‑seven women gathered for breakfast during the Democratic Women’s Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Rilla Moran of Tennessee was elected temporary chair, and the newly fledged NFDW set May 1972 as the month for its first annual meeting; and

Whereas, Rilla Moran was elected the first president of the NFDW at the May 1972 meeting and served until 1977, when Jean Ohm of South Dakota was elected president. At this convention, the members established the Founders Internship for a young woman between the ages of eighteen and twenty‑five to work at the Democratic National Committee; and

Whereas, during the period 1972‑1977, the National Federation of Democratic Women gained recognition from the Democratic National Committee (DNC) as its official women’s organization and received a seat on the DNC Executive Committee and three seats on the DNC. Rilla Moran Woods, C. DeLores Tucker, and Caroline Wilkins were instrumental in establishing this official recognition for the NFDW through their work on the Charter Commission and the 1976 Convention Committee; and

Whereas, the NFDW is the umbrella organization for all the state Democratic women’s groups, including the South Carolina Democratic Women’s Council; and

Whereas, the Senate takes great pleasure in welcoming the National Federation of Democratic Women to South Carolina as the group conducts its forty‑fifth annual convention in Charleston, and the members trust that the ladies of the NFDW will enjoy a delightful sojourn in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, extend to the National Federation of Democratic Women a cordial welcome to the Palmetto State on the occasion of the organization’s forty‑fifth annual convention, to be held in Charleston from June 8 to June 12, 2016.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the National Federation of Democratic Women.

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