**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM LYCÉE JEAN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE, CLERMONT‑FERRAND, FRANCE, PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT‑EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH J.L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Whereas, from February 5 to February 14, 2015, the students, teachers, and school administrators from J.L. Mann High School in Greenville County will host an exchange of twenty‑one students and two adult leaders from J.L. Mann High School’s sister school, Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle of Clermont‑Ferrand, France; and

Whereas, during their visit, these French exchange students and their accompanying faculty will be traveling all over South Carolina and visiting many of its historic sites and attractions; and

Whereas, this program provides many positive learning experiences and presents opportunities for the participants from both countries to enjoy cultural exchanges that otherwise might not be available to them; and

Whereas, the program is a valued resource in teaching respect and tolerance for differing cultures and helps to bond friendships that could not occur without such an exchange; and

Whereas, further, the program allows our neighbors from France to enjoy the many fine attractions the Palmetto State has to offer and enables them to experience the kindness and hospitality for which the citizens of South Carolina are known worldwide; and

Whereas, the J.L. Mann High School Foreign Student Exchange Program is an outstanding model for other schools with similar programs in our State to emulate; and

Whereas, students from Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle of Clermont‑Ferrand participating in this year’s exchange include Maxime Audigié, Léa Baudrillard, Guillaume Becker, Elodie Baldet, Juliette Caylou, Pauline Chappon, Lorenzo D’Arrigo, Matilde Decatoire, Emeline De Moura, Lucie Dugat, Samuel Jorge, Thomas Marchadier, Mathilde Marcillière, Clara Martin, Aurore Pailler, Alexandre Pinet Goutte, Armand Pradier, Léa Sauret, Anne Marie Scavennec, Caroline Scavennec, and Nils Vervaet. Their adult leaders are Joëlle Bertrix and Laurence Robert Dubois; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish to thank the participants who make this exchange possible, and they trust the program will be a continued success for many years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful visit to our friends from Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, participating in the student‑exchange program with J.L. Mann High School of Greenville County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lycée Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Clermont‑Ferrand, France, and J.L. Mann High School.

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