**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY AS ONE OF THE NATION’S LEADING INSTITUTIONS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE UNIVERSITY’S ALUMNI AS THEY GATHER IN ORANGEBURG FOR THE FORTY‑FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Orangeburg County Alumni Chapter of Claflin University will host the annual convention of the Claflin University International Alumni Association (CUIAA) to be held from April 9 through 12, 2015; and

Whereas, for more than one hundred forty‑five years, Claflin alumni have forged a path of excellence, exemplifying the university’s mission as global leaders and making significant contributions in their chosen fields, such as pharmacy, science, education, and library science; and

Whereas, founded in 1869, Claflin University is the oldest historically black educational institution in the Palmetto State and has been ranked as one of America’s Best Colleges for fourteen consecutive years by *U. S. News & World Report* magazine; and

Whereas, the diverse achievements of President Henry N. Tisdale have made Claflin one of the premier liberal arts institutions of higher learning in the nation. As a visionary and dynamic leader, he adheres to the philosophy, “Academic Excellence‑By Design”; and

Whereas, for this forty‑first anniversary convention of CUIAA, the theme will be “Come Home and See the Vision Unfolding”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the exemplary reputation of Claflin University, and the members celebrate with the alumni who will gather in Orangeburg for the forty‑first anniversary of CUIAA. 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 Claflin University as one of the nation’s leading institutions and congratulate the university’s alumni as they gather in Orangeburg for the forty‑first anniversary of Claflin University International Alumni Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Rosa K. Dance, President of the Orangeburg Chapter of the Claflin University International Alumni Association.

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