**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015, AS “UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DAY” IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO URGE ALL CITIZENS TO UTILIZE THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER’S DATABASE TO SEARCH FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND THEIR BUSINESSES.

Whereas, the principle of government’s holding unclaimed property for its citizens is based in English Common Law; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Office of State Treasurer currently serves as the custodian for more than $462 million in unclaimed funds belonging to citizens and businesses across South Carolina; and

Whereas, the State Treasurer’s Office Unclaimed Property Program safeguards unclaimed wages, checks, credit balances, bank accounts, utility deposits, insurance proceeds, money orders, travelers checks, and stocks and dividends; and

Whereas, rightful owners of unclaimed property or their heirs always have the right to claim property held in custody by the State Treasurer’s Office; and

Whereas, holding unclaimed property for, and returning it to, the citizens and businesses of South Carolina is an important function of State Government. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Wednesday, February 18, 2015, as “Unclaimed Property Day” in the Palmetto State and urge all citizens to utilize the Office of State Treasurer’s database to search for unclaimed property for themselves, their friends and family, and their businesses.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., treasurer of the State of South Carolina.

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