**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE BASF CORPORATION AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CORPORATION ON A CENTURY AND A HALF OF OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that BASF Corporation, headquartered in Ludwigshafen, Germany, is celebrating its one hundred fiftieth anniversary in 2015; and

Whereas, now the world’s leading chemical company by sales, BASF began operations in 1865 with dyes. Ammonia production followed a few years later for the making of fertilizer. Then plastics came along. Since that time, the company’s portfolio has continuously developed, and today it ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products, and crop protection to oil and gas. BASF supplies customers in nearly every industry with products and solutions and supports them with research and innovations; and

Whereas, BASF has operated internationally since its beginnings. In North America, the foundation was laid in 1958 for BASF’s current activities in the U.S.A. In that year, BASF and Dow Chemical Company jointly established Dow Badische Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas. The new company began producing basic chemicals and fiber preliminary products in 1959; and

Whereas, in South Carolina, BASF has a substantial presence that began in 1973 with the purchase of White Stone Chemical Company in Spartanburg County. Currently, the company has more than one thousand fifty employees in the Palmetto State, with facilities located in Mauldin, Spartanburg, North Charleston, Central, and Seneca. These sites produce metal and salt catalysts for manufacturing, polyurethanes for building systems, surfactants for home and personal care, and mica pigments for paints and cosmetics. In so doing, they contribute solutions addressing challenges that face our local communities, State, nation, and the world; and

Whereas, working under the guidance of its corporate purpose, “We create chemistry for a sustainable future,” the company strives to combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Its products and solutions assist in conserving resources, ensuring nutrition, and improving quality of life, with the goal of making a lasting contribution to society; and

Whereas, appreciative of its significant contributions to the prosperity of the Palmetto State, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring BASF Corporation on the occasion of the company’s one hundred fiftieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize BASF Corporation at the celebration of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary and congratulate the corporation on a century and a half of outstandingly successful entrepreneurial endeavors.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be provided to each of BASF’s facilities in the State of South Carolina.

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