**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO PROCLAIM MARCH 3, 2015 AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE THE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS STATE.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia‑born, European‑educated engineer, musician, and artist who married John C. Calhoun’s daughter, Anna, and settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson’s campus is the entire State of South Carolina, with the university having a presence in every county in South Carolina, agriculture research centers from the Piedmont to the Coast, youth programs that serve more than 100,000 young people per year, and enterprise campuses devoted to innovation and economic development in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, and North Charleston, to support both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing, to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, Clemson University is now ranked as one of the Top‑20 public universities in America and has also earned top‑rankings for graduation rates, value, efficiency, and return on investment‑while maintaining an outstanding student experience that has earned top‑5 rankings for quality of life, happiest students, students who love their college, town‑gown relations (#1), alumni network (#1), and “most fun college in America”; and

Whereas, Clemson University enrolls more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students and has more than 137,000 alumni‑‑with nearly 66,000 living in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson University’s economic impact on the state of South Carolina in 2013‑the year of the most recent study‑generated approximately $1.9 billion in economic output and accounted for nearly 25,000 jobs and a net return to state taxpayers of $81.8 million; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture providing statewide research, extension, and regulatory programs (Public Service Activities) to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters and land managers; and

Whereas, for 125 years, Clemson University has continued to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina as a “high seminary of learning” and improve the economy of the state through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of teaching, research, and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, declare Tuesday, March 3, 2015, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina, and recognize the university for its contributions to this State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to James P. Clements, Ph.D., President of Clemson University.

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