**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BOEING COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL AND TO THANK THE COMPANY FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, The Boeing Company was founded in 1916 by William E. Boeing and has become the world’s largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space, and security systems; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is the only commercial aviation manufacturer in the United States that employs over one hundred sixty thousand employees throughout the United States; and

Whereas, last year The Boeing Company purchased more than thirty-two billion dollars from over fifteen thousand suppliers located throughout the United States, including about three hundred suppliers in South Carolina, purchasing three hundred fifty-five million dollars with South Carolina suppliers and vendors; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company made the decision to have a commercial airlines presence in South Carolina in 2009 and is now a leading corporate citizen and valued partner in our region attracting additional suppliers to our State; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is a driver of innovation in our State, manufacturing the 787 Dreamliner airplane and supporting the Boeing enterprise with its Interiors Responsibility Center, Information Technology Centers, Engineering Design Center, Propulsion South Carolina, and Boeing Research and Technology Center to advance the frontiers of aerospace and commercial aviation; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is a critical part of America’s defense and space industrial base, building and supporting the weapons and equipment that our troops use every day to protect the United States homeland and deter aggression; and

Whereas, Charleston, South Carolina was the first operating base for The Boeing Company’s C-17 military aircraft program, and now has 48 C-17s that support the Department of Defense directed Global Reach deployment, employment, and resupply missions including air land and air drop, and provides worldwide emergency nuclear, aero medical, humanitarian, and combat airlift operations; and

Whereas, the C-17 program in South Carolina including Boeing personnel leaves an economic footprint of about ten million dollars annually; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company’s products play a major role in our daily lives by transporting people and goods across our country and the globe; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is a major contributor to our State by employing over seven thousand five hundred employees and supporting about ten thousand direct and indirect jobs in the State, spending over 2.3 billion dollars in infrastructure spending, and indirectly creating over four times that economic impact in the State; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is a good neighbor by volunteering in our communities, investing over twenty-eight million dollars in community organizations and charitable causes, and engaging over 206,000 South Carolinians through our DreamLearners and Speakers Bureau Programs; and

Whereas, The Boeing Company is approaching the 100th anniversary of its founding on July 15, 2016. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor The Boeing Company on the occasion of celebrating its centennial and thank the company for its many contributions to the State of South Carolina and to the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to The Boeing Company and to the members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation.

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