**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE MAY 16‑23, 2016, AS INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives notes with interest that May 16‑23, 2016, is being observed nationally as Infrastructure Week; and

Whereas, South Carolina relies on critical infrastructure, including our roads and bridges, railroads and transit systems, ports and airports, and pipes and water systems, as well as a reliable power supply, access to broadband, and connectivity to the regional, national, and global economy; and

Whereas, this infrastructure enhances our local and regional economy, quality of life, safety, and the strength of our communities; and

Whereas, decades of underfunding and deferred maintenance have pushed infrastructure in South Carolina to the brink of crisis, with preventable catastrophic failures at risk of occurring in communities; and

Whereas, the Palmetto State risks losing its competitive advantage over neighboring states by failing to invest adequately in its infrastructure; and

Whereas, Infrastructure Week 2016 has been established to highlight infrastructure investment needs in communities throughout South Carolina and to recognize the importance of addressing South Carolina’s pressing infrastructure challenges; and

Whereas, Infrastructure Week challenges policymakers and the public to address head‑on the challenges facing the state’s infrastructure, to move beyond short‑term fixes and deferred maintenance, and to envision the innovative solutions, technologies, policies, and investments that will improve South Carolina’s infrastructure today and for the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize May 16‑23, 2016, as Infrastructure Week in South Carolina.

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