**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK AND SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR MEMBERS DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK FROM MAY 3 THROUGH 9, 2015.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the chapters of the South Carolina Federation of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will hold their annual convention in Columbia April 27 through 29, 2015; and

Whereas, NARFE is a nonprofit, membership‑based organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement, and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees, and their survivors; and

Whereas, more than seventy‑four thousand active and retired federal employees live in South Carolina, holding an economic impact of over one hundred million dollars each month, and almost three thousand of these individuals are members of the South Carolina Federation chapters of NARFE; and

Whereas, active chapters are located in Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Camden, Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, Newberry, North Charleston, Pawleys Island, Rock Hill, Spartanburg, and Summerville; and

Whereas, Public Service Recognition Week will be observed May 3 through 9, 2015, to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees who accomplish amazing tasks across the country with little fanfare, such as researching cures for the most challenging diseases, taking criminals off our streets and keeping them behind bars, assisting our military at home and abroad, caring for veterans, and helping us prepare for and recover from severe weather, to name just a few career areas of these dedicated public servants; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the substantial contributions of public servants in our State and their meaningful participation in our communities. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly , by this resolution, recognize and honor the outstanding work and significant impact of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association and celebrate their members during Public Service Recognition Week from May 3 through 9, 2015.

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