**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HONDA OF SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING, INC.’S EFFORTS TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH AND ACTIVELY PROMOTE A SAFE WORKPLACE AND HOME FOR ITS ASSOCIATES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015.

Whereas, June has been designated as National Safety Month by the National Safety Council. Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing, Inc. (HSC) has put a special emphasis on making safety a strong value at work as well as at home. A strong safety value means actively caring for yourself, your co-workers, and your family; and

Whereas, Honda is using National Safety Month as an opportunity to kick off associate safety awareness activities at work and at home and focus on achieving zero injuries in June 2015; and

Whereas, in order to accomplish this, Honda is asking associates to be vigilant and strictly adhere to process operation standards, wear the required personal protective equipment, use good posture to prevent ergonomic injuries, do not bypass guarding, follow all safety procedures, and report any safety issues immediately; and

Whereas, Honda is located in Timmonsville, South Carolina. HSC began production of all-terrain vehicles in July 1998 with two hundred associates, and has since manufactured more than three million Honda ATVs; and

Whereas, the company initially invested $30 million and manufactured ATVs in a 200,000 square foot plant. HSC has since expanded, adding more than 400,000 square feet and eight hundred associates for a cumulative investment of $338 million; and

Whereas, the Timmonsville plant now houses ATV and Side by Side production for North American and foreign markets, Utility ATV and Side by Side models exclusively for North America, engine production, research and development, engineering operations, a parts consolidation center, Honda’s export handling operations in South Carolina, and other operations that support product development, manufacturing, and sales in North America; and

Whereas, in observation of National Safety Month, Honda will send out weekly safety newsletters, set up a safety wall where associates will be acknowledge for taking good safety measures, and host a luncheon to show appreciation for achieving over three million hours without a lost time accident and finishing number one in safety for Honda North America for eight straight years; and

Whereas, in 2014, HSC received the Theodore Roosevelt Workers’ Compensation and Disability Management Award (Teddy Award), given annually by the *Risk & Insurance* magazine, for efforts to reduce the number and cost of injuries to workers. They have also received the Honda Safety Manufacturing Excellence Award, and the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Award; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are grateful for the economic impact HSC has had on the economy of Florence County and the State of South Carolina, and congratulate them for their efforts to make the workplace a safe place for their associates. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing, Inc.’s efforts to observe National Safety Month and actively promote a safe workplace and home for its associates during the month of June 2015.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing, Inc.

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