**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK,” APRIL 9 THROUGH 13, 2018, AND “INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY,” APRIL 6, 2018, AND TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS FOR OUR STATE AND NATION.

Whereas, serving more than thirty‑three thousand students across our State, independent colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high quality, affordable post‑secondary educational opportunities; and

Whereas, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching, adapting to ever‑evolving student needs, technological advances, and social trends, while providing a full range of educational experiences and career opportunities; and

Whereas, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

Whereas, the organization that represents twenty of these institutions of higher learning, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, has been a tireless advocate for sixty‑five years and provides a voice for independent higher education in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the General Assembly expresses deep appreciation to all these excellent South Carolina institutions for their role in providing a superior, values‑based education to students from all walks of life; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further encourages all South Carolinians to recognize our independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions in ensuring our State’s continued status as a leader in higher education. 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 express deep appreciation to the independent colleges and universities in South Carolina during “Independent College and University Week,” April 9 through 13, 2018, and “Independent College and University Day,” April 6, 2018, and honor them for their outstanding contributions in educating the future leaders of our State and Nation.

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