**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNUAL SHOUTFEST, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO ATTEND AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY‑FRIENDLY EVENT, AND TO WISH ITS ORGANIZERS EVERY SUCCESS.

Whereas, a decade ago, the first edition of ShoutFest, a family‑friendly festival that features performances by some of the biggest names in gospel music, was presented by WAAW Shout 94.7 FM in Aiken; and

Whereas, since its premiere in 2009, ShoutFest has become an important part of Aiken’s unique culture and heritage, this year being the celebration of its tenth anniversary; and

Whereas, in addition, ShoutFest has become the largest outdoor gospel concert in the states of Georgia and South Carolina; and

Whereas, at the 2018 festival, good music and good company will fill Perry Memorial Park, the site of the event, which is free to the public and open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vendors will sell food and crafts, and a Kid Zone will offer attractions for the children. Visitors can expect just as much fun from this year’s Kid Zone offerings as resulted from last year’s, which included bouncy houses, book giveaways, face painting, art workshops, a visit from the Chick‑fil‑A cow, and a splashdown from a fire truck provided by the City of Aiken; and

Whereas, the 2018 edition of the festival, to be held Saturday, September 15, features gospel artists Dorothy Norwood, Charles Jenkins, Jekalyn Carr, Tim Bowman, Jr., Monica Lisa Stevenson, Brian C. Wilson, and many other top performers. It also will spotlight local gospel artists and groups. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the tenth annual ShoutFest, to be held Saturday, September 15, 2018, encourage all South Carolinians to attend and enjoy this family‑friendly event, and wish its organizers every success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to WAAW Shout 94.7 FM.

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