**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018, AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia‑born, European‑educated engineer, musician, and artist who married John C. Calhoun’s daughter, Anna, and settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson’s campus is the entire State of South Carolina, as the university has a presence in every county in South Carolina which includes agriculture research centers from the Piedmont to the Coast, youth programs that serve more than one hundred thousand young people per year, and enterprise campuses devoted to innovation and economic development in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, and North Charleston to support both existing and emerging industry clusters, ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, Clemson University is rated as a Tier 1 Research Institution by the Carnegie Foundation, which puts it in a class with the top one hundred fifteen universities in the nation in terms of research; and

Whereas, Clemson University is now ranked twenty‑third among national public universities in America and has also earned top rankings for graduation rates, value, efficiency, and return on investment, while maintaining an outstanding student experience that has earned top‑five rankings for safest campus (number one), quality of life, happiest students, career services (number one), students who love their college, town‑gown relations, alumni network, and “most fun college in America,” and

Whereas, Clemson University enrolls more than twenty‑three thousand undergraduate and graduate students and has more than one hundred forty‑one thousand alumni, nearly sixty‑eight thousand of whom live in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the United States Department of Agriculture, providing statewide research, extension and regulatory programs (Public Service Activities) to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters, and land managers; and

Whereas, for one hundred twenty‑eight years, Clemson University has continued to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina as a “high seminary of learning” and to improve the economy of the State through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of teaching, research, and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Clemson University and declare Tuesday, February 27, 2018, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. James P. Clements, President of Clemson University.

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