**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF KENTWOOL, TO HONOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO REMEMBER AND APPRECIATE THE WORK OF ITS LATE CEO, MARK KENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Kentwool, a South Carolina textile company, is celebrating its one hundred seventy‑fifth anniversary this year; and

Whereas, a fifth‑generation family‑owned business, Kentwool is headquartered in Greenville and maintains a manufacturing facility in Pickens; and

Whereas, the company employs eighty‑one South Carolinians, some of whom have been a part of the Kentwool family for decades. It is a thriving, American‑based wool‑yarn business that has remained firm in keeping its operations and jobs in the United States since its inception; and

Whereas, Kentwool has developed a world‑class performance sock and is distributing more than thirty thousand pairs to charities within Pickens and Greenville counties this year; and

Whereas, mindful of the heritage of its local community, Kentwool has preserved historic South Carolina architecture through Kentwool Development, in purchasing and renovating Greenville’s historic Chamber of Commerce Building and Kent Court; and

Whereas, further, Kentwool executives are leaders within the textile industry and South Carolina business community, and they continue to lead the company in carrying out its commitment to selling products of exceptional quality and doing business with integrity; and

Whereas, after more than twenty years at the company’s helm, Mark Kent, CEO of Kentwool, passed away unexpectedly last year. Mark and his family committed their lives and company to the service and support of their Upstate community; and

Whereas, through all the many years of its history, the Kentwool family has continued to honor each generation’s passion for innovation and service in all its endeavors. Grateful for the company’s exceptional contributions to the prosperity and general welfare of its community and this great State, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting Kentwool on reaching the important milestone of its one hundred seventy‑fifth anniversary. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their congratulations upon the one hundred seventy‑fifth anniversary of Kentwool, honor its long history of service and commitment to the State of South Carolina, and remember and appreciate the work of its late CEO, Mark Kent.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Kimberly V. Kent, CEO of Kentwool.

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