**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE JOBS FOR AMERICA’S GRADUATES-SOUTH CAROLINA FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Jobs for America’s Graduates‑South Carolina; and

Whereas, Jobs for America’s Graduates‑South Carolina (JAG‑SC) is a dropout prevention program focused on academic success and career readiness skills, providing a dedicated career specialist to each affiliated school; and

Whereas, students enroll with an average of seven documented barriers to success, including teen parenting, excessive absenteeism, low income household, and substance abuse. Over the course of their enrollment, students master eighty-seven competencies essential to successful employment; and

Whereas, the program was originally piloted by the South Carolina State Workforce Investment Board and is now supported by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce; and

Whereas, JAG‑SC has experienced a 78% growth since its inception through public/private investments in new high school sites, with plans to pursue further growth as funding opportunities become available; and

Whereas, the program currently serves approximately 1,100 active high school participants at twenty‑five school‑affiliated sites; and

Whereas, now administering its thirteenth year of service delivery, JAG‑SC has assisted over 9,500 youth in transitioning to postsecondary opportunities; and

Whereas, since the spring of 2009, JAG‑SC has launched 2,623 seniors with an average 96.57% graduation rate; and

Whereas, JAG‑SC’s return‑to‑school or retention rate has consistently been greater than 96%; and

Whereas, South Carolina’s program outcomes have exceeded JAG National Standards for seven consecutive years, and the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the program’s exceptional dedication to education in this State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Jobs for America’s Graduates‑South Carolina for its years of outstanding service to the youth of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jobs for America’s Graduates‑South Carolina.

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