**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON DISTRICT THREE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CELEBRATE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL’S ONE HUNDREDTH GRADUATING CLASS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that this year marks Lexington District Three’s one hundredth year in public education; and

Whereas, in 1919, the towns of Batesburg and Leesville had their own, separate school systems and two separate school buildings. However, as the school-aged population grew and more children entered these schools, a need arose for additional buildings; and

Whereas, at the urging of the Lexington County delegation and local citizens, the state legislature passed Act 805 in 1920, approving consolidation of Districts 15 and 18 and providing funds to construct a centralized high school building for the towns of Batesburg and Leesville, the first consolidated high school in the State; and

Whereas, 1920-1921 marked the district’s first year of consolidation. Students originally met at the Leesville School, until the new high school on Highway One was finished; and

Whereas, the consolidated Batesburg‑Leesville High School first opened its doors for classes during the 1921‑1922 school year. The new building had fourteen classrooms, a cafeteria, a laboratory, a library, a superintendent’s office, a principal’s office, home economics rooms, and an auditorium with six music studio rooms behind the stage; and

Whereas, today, graduates from Batesburg‑Leesville High School’s Class of 2020 will make history as the school’s one hundredth graduating class; and

Whereas, in early April, the district will host a celebration of “one hundred years of Panther Pride.” As a part of the celebration, the Batesburg-Leesville High School Class of 1970 will honor the centennial and its own fiftieth anniversary by sponsoring a historical marker from the South Carolina Department of Archives & History to be placed on Columbia Avenue at the original location of Batesburg-Leesville High School; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication of Lexington District Three to providing quality public education in this State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Lexington District Three upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and celebrate Batesburg-Leesville High School’s one hundredth graduating class.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lexington District Three.

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