**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE PALMETTOS FOR TEN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND LOYALTY TO SOUTH CAROLINA’S PAST, AS WELL AS THE GROUP’S ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN OUR STATE’S FUTURE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that the Palmettos are celebrating the group’s tenth anniversary; and

Whereas, named in honor of the South Carolina regiment that fought gallantly at the Battle of Mexico City and which is honored with a beautiful monument on the State House grounds, the Palmettos is made up of ten men who have been good friends for more than forty years. All have been successful in their chosen professions; and

Whereas, the objectives of the Palmettos are threefold. First, for fellowship, members meet four times each year to give time to old friendships. Most members being seventy years of age or more, they honor the past and celebrate life over many years; and

Whereas, second, they meet to learn more about South Carolina history. At each gathering, the host introduces an invited guest, who makes a one‑hour presentation on some aspect of our state’s history. Guests have been diverse, and their lectures have covered a range of topics, including Francis Marion, Wade Hampton, John C. Calhoun, Parris Island, the Marine Corps in South Carolina, the Tuskegee Airmen, and Sherman’s march through South Carolina; and

Whereas, finally, members experience fine dining. In turn, the members serve as hosts for meetings, with the host for a particular meeting selecting its location, chef, and menu. Each meal represents the very best in South Carolina cuisine, and the chef and establishment are celebrated and congratulated; and

Whereas, it is with much pleasure that the House of Representatives honors the Palmettos on the occasion of their tenth anniversary and extends best wishes for the group’s continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Palmettos for ten years of fellowship, learning, and loyalty to South Carolina’s past, as well as the group’s active engagement in our state’s future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Palmettos.

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