**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 1 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE SPEAKER AND THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, BY ADDING RULE 1.13 SO AS TO CLARIFY AND EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO INITIATE OR INTERVENE IN ANY ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE AT ANY TIME, IN HIS DISCRETION, WHEN THE INTERESTS OF THE HOUSE WARRANT.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding:

“**1.13** The Speaker of the House, as chief administrative officer pursuant to Section 2-3-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, is expressly authorized to initiate or intervene in any action on behalf of the House as an institution or in his official capacity, whether or not the House is in session. The Speaker may authorize or retain counsel to initiate, defend, intervene, or otherwise participate in any action on behalf of the House of Representatives, a House committee, a member of the House, or a House officer or other employee when the Speaker, in his discretion, determines that the action is of significant interest to the House and the interests of the House may not otherwise be adequately represented.”

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