**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS ALLIANCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING, TO CELEBRATE THE ORGANIZATION FOR FOUR DECADES OF LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN THE ARTS, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS IN PURSUIT OF ITS MISSION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Arts Alliance was founded in 1979 as the South Carolina Alliance of Community Arts Agencies to bring together arts councils from around the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in 1984, the organization became the South Carolina Arts Alliance and dedicated itself to advocating on behalf of the arts and arts education in our State; and

Whereas, throughout the State, the South Carolina Arts Alliance also has continuously and successfully fostered public support of the arts and arts education; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Arts Alliance has been the voice of the South Carolina arts community nationally, advocating for continued support of the creative sector at the federal level; and

Whereas, the organization has received numerous awards for its work throughout the years, including the Elizabeth O’Neill Verner Governor’s Award for the Arts, along with advocacy and leadership awards from Americans for the Arts, the South Carolina Dance Association, the South Carolina Art Education Association, and TogetherSC; and

Whereas, as a trusted partner to many agencies, organizations, and individuals around this great State, the South Carolina Arts Alliance has created a valuable and lasting impact on the Palmetto State through its work. 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, congratulate the South Carolina Arts Alliance on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its founding, celebrate the organization for four decades of leadership and advocacy in the arts, and extend best wishes for many more years of success in pursuit of its mission.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina Arts Alliance.

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