**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019, AS “ETIQUETTE DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA” AND TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND ITS PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

Whereas, the Educational Talent Search Program at the University of South Carolina encourages middle school and high school students to complete their secondary education and to pursue completion of post‑secondary degrees; and

Whereas, the Educational Talent Search Program serves to prepare students of tomorrow with the skills and knowledge to become productive and contributing members of society; and

Whereas, a key component of student success is the use of etiquette and decorum, which allows students to respond appropriately in familiar and unfamiliar situations and helps to build self‑confidence and self‑esteem; and

Whereas, the eighth‑grade curriculum focuses on etiquette during the month of February and culminates this year with an etiquette luncheon on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, designed to provide students an opportunity to implement in a practical setting what they have learned; and

Whereas, the lessons learned by these students are lessons that all South Carolinians would benefit from learning. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Wednesday, March 6, 2019, as “Etiquette Day in South Carolina” and commend the University of South Carolina’s Educational Talent Search Program for this initiative and its participants for their outstanding achievements and progress in becoming productive citizens.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Althea Counts, director of TRIO Programs, and Regina Hailey Smith, associate director, at the University of South Carolina.

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