**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019, AS “529 DAY” IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUTURE SCHOLAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN AND ALL OF THE OTHER CONSUMER‑FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER’S OFFICE.

Whereas, saving for a child’s college education is an important investment in that child’s future; and

Whereas, South Carolina’s Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan currently serves more than 166,000 families with over 3.6 billion dollars in assets under management; and

Whereas, South Carolina’s Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan has accumulated national accolades from *Morningstar*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Money* magazine, and savingforcollege.com; and

Whereas, the pursuit of a higher education results in both an enhanced quality of life for the citizens of South Carolina and an improved Palmetto State for all; and

Whereas, the State Treasurer’s Office offers other programs that benefit the citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina ABLE Savings Program offers ABLE accounts to individuals with disabilities to ensure they have access to the same kinds of savings tools that are available to the broader population; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Unclaimed Property Program returned 36.9 million dollars last fiscal year to individuals and businesses in our State and currently has more than 650 million dollars in unclaimed funds available for claim. 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, April 3, 2019, as “529 Day” in the Palmetto State and encourage citizens to learn more about the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan and all of the other consumer‑facing programs offered at the State Treasurer’s Office.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., Treasurer of the State of South Carolina.

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