**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020, AS “CLEMSON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, an engineer, musician, and artist, born in Philadelphia and educated in Europe, who had married John C. Calhoun’s daughter, Anna, and had settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson University’s presence is in every county in South Carolina with: agricultural research centers from the Piedmont to the Coast; youth programs that serve more than one hundred thousand young people per year; and enterprise campuses devoted to innovation and economic development in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, and North Charleston to support both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and

Whereas, the Carnegie Foundation ranks Clemson University as a Tier 1 Research Institution, which puts it in a class with the top one hundred fifteen universities in the nation in terms of research; and

Whereas, for the tenth year in a row, Clemson University is ranked as a Top 25 public university in America and has also earned top rankings for graduation rates, value, efficiency, and return on investment, while maintaining an outstanding student experience; and

Whereas, Clemson University enrolls more than twenty‑five thousand undergraduate and graduate students and has more than one hundred sixty‑one thousand alumni, more than seventy‑eight thousand of whom live in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Clemson University is part of a national system of land‑grant universities and the United States Department of Agriculture providing statewide research, extension, and regulatory programs, known as Public Service Activities, to enhance economic growth in South Carolina’s agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters, and land managers; and

Whereas, for one hundred thirty years, Clemson University has continued to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina as a “high seminary of learning” and to improve the economy of the State through its historical land‑grant responsibilities of teaching, research, and extended public service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Tuesday, February 18, 2020, as “Clemson Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. James P. Clements, President of Clemson University.

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