**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BENEDICT COLLEGE ON THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FAMED HARAMBEE FESTIVAL AND TO WISH THE FESTIVAL MUCH SUCCESS BOTH AT THE 2019 CELEBRATION AND IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is delighted to hear that the thirtieth annual Benedict College Harambee Festival will take place this year on Saturday, February 23, 2019; and

Whereas, the Harambee Festival has pulled together members of the community to experience the African‑American culture for thirty years and this year will celebrate with the theme “Where P.E.A.R.L.S. Are Made: Preserve, Endure, Achieve, Remember, Love, and Succeed”; and

Whereas, the Harambee Festival provides the community at large with national entertainment, food, exhibits, and vendors unique to the African‑American experience; and

Whereas, further, it presents local organizations with an opportunity to offer services specific to the African‑American community, such as free healthcare screenings and advocacy; and

Whereas, this highly anticipated annual event has been supported by five Benedict College presidents; and

Whereas, grateful for the fine work done by Benedict College in sponsoring the Harambee Festival, the Senate is pleased to salute the college at the celebration of the festival’s thirtieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Benedict College on the thirtieth anniversary of its famed Harambee Festival and wish the festival much success both at the 2019 celebration and in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, president of Benedict College.

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