**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EUDORA FARMS OF AIKEN COUNTY ON OPENING ITS DRIVE‑THROUGH WILDLIFE SAFARI, A WONDERFULLY ENTERTAINING AND FAMILY‑FRIENDLY OUTDOOR ATTRACTION, AND TO WISH THIS NEW BUSINESS ENDEAVOR MUCH SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Eudora Farms of Salley recently opened a new attraction, its drive‑through wildlife safari; and

Whereas, like the owners of many businesses, Mark Nisbet was forced to adapt quickly to the formidable challenge posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic. His response was to open a drive‑through wildlife safari park at his Eudora Farms a year earlier than originally planned; and

Whereas, Mark, assisted by his daughter, Shelby, launched the new venture at the farm’s 219 Salem Lane location on May 8, 2020, and has already accommodated thousands of vehicles carrying people eager to see camels, zebras, emus, Watusi cattle, and other exotic animals have traveled through the attraction. Sometimes, cars have been lined up all the way to Hollow Creek Road, which is a little over a mile away; and

Whereas, the camels, especially, have generated a lot of excitement. Visitors can purchase small buckets of feed, and the camels like to stick their heads in cars, grab the containers with their mouths, and gulp down the contents. No need to fear, however, because Mark and Shelby work with the animals to make sure they’re not aggressive; and

Whereas, Mark sees the wildlife safari park’s drive‑through format as a way “to get out of the house and still maintain social distancing.” Visitors don’t have to get out of their vehicles and can travel through Eudora Farms’ large pastures, but for those who want to linger, there are hand‑sanitizing stations and a picnic area with tables spaced wide apart; and

Whereas, nearby, visitors will find the enclosure where Elliot the giraffe lives, an aviary with more than one hundred seventy parakeets, and a small petting zoo that features a friendly baby camel named Wuhan; and

Whereas, still very much a work in progress, the wildlife safari park has six enclosures that are being built along a trail to serve as homes for such creatures as binturongs and red kangaroos. The ring‑tailed lemur enclosure is already finished, and a mother with two babies clinging to her fur is among the residents. Mark also has plans for a new entrance and gift shop, which will have a covered porch where educational shows can be held; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in welcoming Eudora Farms’ new wildlife safari park to Aiken County, and the members encourage all citizens of South Carolina to take advantage of its family‑friendly offerings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Eudora Farms of Aiken County on opening its drive‑through wildlife safari, a wonderfully entertaining and family‑friendly outdoor attraction, and wish this new business endeavor much success in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mark Nisbet.

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