**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, MUNICIPALITIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PARTNER WITH TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND RIDE‑HAILING SERVICES TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

Whereas, transportation network companies provide a new, innovative mobility service that expands travel options and accessibility for millions of travelers; and

Whereas, the safety of South Carolinians is paramount, including while riders are seeking any transportation service in this State. On March 29, 2019, Samantha Josephson was murdered when she was picked up by an individual fraudulently posing as a rideshare driver; and

Whereas, in light of this tragic event, the members of the South Carolina Senate wish to take any and all steps necessary to effectively ensure the public safety of the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, given the role of local governments, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, colleges and universities in their communities, along with state agencies, these entities are capable of working with transportation network companies to identify useful public safety efforts; and

Whereas, in promoting the public safety, local governments, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, colleges, and universities within the State of South Carolina may work with transportation network companies to ensure compliance with local parking and traffic regulations; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff is best situated to partner with transportation network companies and ride‑hailing services to create educational safety campaigns, including the promotion of programs encouraging rideshare patrons to confirm the identity of their driver and the vehicle’s license plate number; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate urge local governments, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, colleges, universities, and the Office of Regulatory Staff to work with transportation network companies and ride‑hailing services to promote the safety of riders. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, encourage local governments, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, colleges, universities, and the Office of Regulatory Staff to partner with transportation network companies and ride‑hailing services to improve safety.

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