**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 2022 AS “THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, March has been designated “Theatre in Our Schools Month” by the Educational Theatre Association; and

Whereas, theatre education enriches the lives of countless students in our schools and allows them to discover a myriad of skills and abilities in leadership, communication, and collaboration. Theatre unlocks the unlimited potential of the student; and

Whereas, theatre is a critical component of the learning process and develops students’ creativity, self‑discipline, problem solving, and critical‑thinking abilities; and

Whereas, research indicates that students with more theatre education attain higher academic achievement across the curriculum; and

Whereas, theatre is an integral part of the cultural fabric of our State and is deeply connected to the history and identity of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Theatre in Our Schools Month provides a special opportunity for the students of South Carolina to engage in the ongoing process of theatre education and encourages them to appreciate the importance of the arts in education. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize March 2022 as “Theatre in Our Schools Month” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the organizers of Theatre in Our Schools Month.

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