**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021, AS “STO PROGRAMS DAY” IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER‑FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER’S OFFICE.

Whereas, the South Carolina State Treasurer’s Office (STO) administers multiple programs to benefit the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, saving for a college education is an important investment in a child’s future, as student‑loan debt continues to increase. South Carolina’s Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan currently serves more than 190,000 families with nearly five billion dollars in assets under management; and

Whereas, individuals with disabilities and their families who care for them should have access to the same kinds of savings tools that are available to the broader population. The Palmetto ABLE Savings Program currently provides the opportunity for nearly two thousand South Carolinians with disabilities to save for their future without losing government benefits; and

Whereas, rightful owners of unclaimed property or their heirs always have a right to claim property held in custody by the State Treasurer’s Office. The South Carolina Unclaimed Property Program returned 33.4 million dollars last fiscal year and currently has more than 700 million dollars in unclaimed funds available for claim. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, declare Wednesday, April 14, 2021, as “STO Programs Day” in the Palmetto State and encourage individuals, families, and businesses to learn more about the consumer‑facing programs offered at the State Treasurer’s Office.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., Treasurer of the State of South Carolina.

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