**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 12 THROUGH 16, 2021, AS “INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK.”

Whereas, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) has represented independent private institutions of higher education for sixty‑eight years; and

Whereas, SCICU’s twenty member institutions across South Carolina serve more than thirty‑three thousand students, of whom 70% are South Carolina residents; and

Whereas, undergraduate students at SCICU member institutions account for 22% of all undergraduates; and

Whereas, the independent colleges and universities of SCICU provide access to higher education and the opportunity for a better life, as evidenced by half of the SCICU students’ demonstrating great enough economic need to qualify for federal Pell Grants; and

Whereas, minority students comprise 48% of undergraduate enrollment at SCICU institutions; and

Whereas, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing their students to be engaged citizens; and

Whereas, graduates of independent colleges and universities serve in positions of leadership throughout South Carolina, helping to secure the brightest future for our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize April 12 through 16, 2021, as “Independent Colleges and Universities Week.”

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

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