**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR VULCRAFT ‑ SOUTH CAROLINA, “THE BIRTHPLACE OF NUCOR,” AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SEVENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, TO CONGRATULATE ITS OVER THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TEAMMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN FLORENCE ON THREE‑QUARTERS OF A CENTURY OF MAKING AMERICA’S STEEL, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina, “The Birthplace of Nucor,” is celebrating its three‑quarter‑century anniversary in 2021; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina is one of the oldest operating divisions of Nucor Corporation, founded in Florence in 1946 and purchased by the Nucor family of steel and steel products in 1962. Vulcraft, named after the Roman god of fire and metalwork, was founded by South Carolina native Sanborn Chase in a small machine shop in Florence. The company began by producing outdoor movie screens and chain‑link fencing and moved into commercial fabrication of steel joists with a single production line; and

Whereas, following the untimely death of its founder, Vulcraft was acquired by the Nuclear Corporation of America on the advice of a young Ken Iverson. Iverson would go on to become CEO of the renamed Nucor Corporation and would continue Sanborn Chase’s policy of encouraging a family atmosphere and open‑door policy for Vulcraft and for all of Nucor’s teammates. Today, Vulcraft is the largest producer of open web steel joist and joist girders in North America and employs over twenty‑eight hundred teammates, with Vulcraft and Verco Decking locations in South Carolina, Nebraska, Alabama, Texas, Indiana, Utah, New York, California, Arizona, and Canada; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina is one of the oldest operating divisions of Nucor Corporation; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina is among the safest, lowest cost, and most productive steel products companies in the world; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina employs the latest technology in manufacturing and fabricating in its quest to provide quality products on time and to exact specifications; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina and Nucor Corporation employ more than twenty‑one hundred teammates in South Carolina in Florence, Berkeley, Darlington, Charleston, Laurens, Lexington, and York counties; and

Whereas, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina and Nucor teammates and their dependents are eligible to receive a $3,500‑per‑year scholarship to college or vocational school, and approximately $100 million has been awarded nationwide since 1974; and

Whereas, to commemorate its seventy‑five‑year milestone, Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina will host an anniversary celebration on October 15, 2021; and

Whereas, appreciative of its contributions to the prosperity of the Palmetto State, the House of Representatives is delighted to salute Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina on seventy‑five years of excellence in serving the citizens of South Carolina and beyond. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina, “The birthplace of Nucor,” at the celebration of its seventy‑fifth anniversary, congratulate its over three hundred fifty teammates and their families in Florence on three‑quarters of a century of making America’s steel, and extend best wishes for its continued success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Vulcraft ‑ South Carolina.

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