**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022, AS “HIGHER EDUCATION DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has represented public colleges and universities for fifty‑five years; and

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

Whereas, eighty‑four institutions of higher learning across South Carolina serve more than two hundred twenty‑nine thousand students, of whom 76% are South Carolina residents; and

Whereas, accessible and affordable higher education for every South Carolinian is essential to ensuring that our State has the trained and skilled workforce to compete for jobs and investment in the future; and

Whereas, higher levels of education provide many benefits to both students and their families, as well as to the communities in which they live and work; and

Whereas, public and 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 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 Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as “Higher Education Day” in South Carolina.

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