**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO JOIN WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RECOGNIZING THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF STEM EDUCATION AND STEM EDUCATORS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 17, 2022, AS STEM EDUCATION DAY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts and innovations drive growth and productivity across South Carolina’s farm fields, biotech labs, advanced manufacturing plants, and institutions of higher education; and

Whereas, thousands of in‑state opportunities for careers in STEM‑related fields have been identified in the 2020 South Carolina Economic Analysis Report issued by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce; and

Whereas, STEM learning prepares South Carolina’s Pre‑K thru 12th grade students for success in post‑secondary studies, careers, and citizenship; and

Whereas, STEM educators, mentors, and volunteers support learning with their knowledge and expertise; and

Whereas, partnerships between communities with business and industry are essential in advocating for and sustaining STEM education; and

Whereas, recognition of the accomplishments of students and teachers in STEM promotes their continued commitment and success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, encourage all South Carolinians to join with the House of Representatives in recognizing the positive impact of STEM education and STEM educators on the quality of life for residents of the Palmetto State and declare March 17, 2022, as STEM Education Day throughout the State of South Carolina.

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