**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE ATOMIC CITY FESTIVAL HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO ATTEND AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY‑FRIENDLY EVENT, AND TO WISH ITS ORGANIZERS EVERY SUCCESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn of the seventieth anniversary of the City of New Ellenton to be celebrated at the Atomic City Festival held from October 7 through 8, 2022, with free admission to the public; and

Whereas, the festival’s origins date back to the early 1950s, when the people of Ellenton learned that their town would be uprooted by the United States Government, which purchased two hundred thousand acres of land for nineteen million dollars in Aiken and Barnwell counties to build a massive nuclear weapons complex; and

Whereas, in 1972, the relocated town, renamed New Ellenton and situated about fourteen miles north of its original site, created the Atomic City Festival in remembrance of the six thousand people who were displaced in order to provide national security during the Cold War. The Aiken County Historical Museum has a permanent exhibit commemorating the event; and

Whereas, this year’s edition of the festival, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Evans Park and along Main Street, features a 110‑foot fun slide, rock climbing wall, bungee trampoline, petting zoo with pony rides, food trucks, axe throwing, New Ellenton history booth, car show, bingo, raffles, live band, craft vendors, fireworks, and much more. The festival ends by lighting the dark sky with a fireworks display; and

Whereas, New Ellenton’s continuous dedication to providing visitors and residents quality entertainment while uniting the community deserves high praise. The members of the House commend the people of New Ellenton for bringing the Atomic City Festival to the Palmetto State and encourage all South Carolinians to patronize and enjoy its offerings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the City of New Ellenton upon the occasion of its Seventieth Anniversary, which will be celebrated at the Atomic City Festival, to be held Friday, October 7, 2022, through Saturday, October 8, 2022, and encourage all South Carolinians to attend and enjoy this family‑friendly event, and wish its organizers every success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Kimberly Williams on behalf of the City of New Ellenton.

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