**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE’S HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND THE PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED BY THOSE INSTITUTIONS.

Whereas, South Carolina’s hospitals are key contributors to the overall health status and economic status of our State, providing care and creating jobs that support patients and communities; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) represents ninety‑four member facilities, including a broad range of acute‑care, rehabilitation, behavioral health, and veterans’ hospitals, in addition to all of the state’s major health systems; and

Whereas, SCHA was founded on April 21, 1921, by the state’s hospital leaders to set appropriate care standards for all South Carolinians and provide a voice for the state’s hospital community; and

Whereas, SCHA was founded following the flu pandemic in 1918 that claimed the lives of approximately 675,000 Americans according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas, one hundred years after its founding, SCHA continues to play a critical role in convening efforts to advance health and health care while protecting public health, as demonstrated by their leadership role in the COVID‑19 pandemic; and

Whereas, South Carolina hospitals have adopted new approaches towards improving quality of care under the leadership of SCHA, establishing the “South Carolina Certified Zero Harm Awards,” in partnership with the Department of Health and Environmental Control, which recognizes hospitals for eliminating medical errors and improving care quality; and

Whereas, SCHA is committed to making South Carolina one of the nation’s healthiest states by helping our hospitals and health systems provide the best care possible through sharing best practices, providing professional development and educational opportunities for health care staff, and helping recruit the health care workforce of tomorrow; and

Whereas, together, SCHA and its member facilities are helping lead South Carolina to a better state of health. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend the South Carolina Hospital Association for one hundred years of service to the state’s hospitals and health systems, and the patients and communities represented by these institutions.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina Hospital Association.

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