**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY FOR ITS LEGACY OF SERVICE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, TO REMEMBER THE DIVISION’S WORK IN RAISING SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MARKERS, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE DIVISION’S MEMBERS AS OUTSTANDING CITIZENS WHOSE VENERATION OF PAST VALOR IS MATCHED BY THEIR PRESENT-DAY COMMITMENT TO PATRIOTIC VALUES.

Whereas, the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was chartered on May 28, 1896. It was the fourth division to join the general organization; and

Whereas, the division works to preserve the memory of the men and women of 1861–1865 and their heroic deeds through five objectives: memorial, patriotic, benevolent, historical, and educational; and

Whereas, the division’s memorial activities include the erection and maintenance of over one hundred seventy monuments, plaques, tablets, and markers during the organization’s one hundred twenty-five years. During World War I, the division also helped with the war effort, donating 688,850 knitted items, 509,646 hospital garments, 14,793,370 surgical dressings, and $24,853,368.00 worth of war bonds and savings stamps and also furnishing the second hospital bed, named in honor of General Wade Hampton, for the American Military Hospital in France; and

Whereas, its patriotic activities include the yearly honoring and awarding of dozens of military service awards to distinguished ex‑military men and women who are descendants of Confederate veterans, the presentation of service dogs to disabled South Carolina veterans, and the annual awarding of the Wade Hampton Sword to a senior Citadel cadet; and

Whereas, the division’s benevolent activities include thousands given in monetary gifts, food, and clothing to flood, hurricane, tornado, and disaster victims and countless volunteer hours donated to hospitals, nursing homes, and schools; and

Whereas, in furtherance of its historical objective, the division has preserved and maintained Oakley Park; participated in oversight of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum and collected and conserved uniforms, weaponry, household goods, period clothing, and flags, including the Martin Guards Flag; recorded interviews with hundreds of Confederate veterans in a twelve-volume set, *Recollections and Reminiscences*; and participated in the State’s link of the Jefferson Davis Highway; and

Whereas, the division’s educational activities include the awarding of five division scholarships to needy descendants of Confederate soldiers and numerous chapter scholarships. The division also sponsors nine Children of the Confederacy chapters, which annually award scholarships to worthy Confederate descendants. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for its legacy of service and historic preservation, remember the division’s work in raising significant historical monuments and markers, and recognize the division’s members as outstanding citizens whose veneration of past valor is matched by their present-day commitment to patriotic values.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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