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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-300 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS THE BIRTHDATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, on March 26, 1776, representatives of the people of South Carolina became the first southern colony and the second of the thirteen to draft a state constitution; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Provincial Congress declared itself to be the new General Assembly of South Carolina and elected John Rutledge as president of the State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 53-3-300. The twenty-sixth day of March of each year is designated as the birthdate of the State of South Carolina and must be recognized each year on the floor of each house of the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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