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A concurrent RESOLUTION

TO memorialize the United States Congress to promptly enact a comprehensive law regulating name, image, and likeness (nil) use in college athletics NATIONWIDE, thereby providing uniformity and clarity throughout the nation.

Whereas, in recent years lucrative name, image, and likeness (NIL) deals have rapidly emerged nationwide, and many colleges have successfully leveraged these deals in the recruiting process to gain a competitive edge over rivals; and

Whereas, due to the failures of the United States Congress to make NIL uniform nationwide, state legislatures and colleges have been left with the burden of addressing NIL on a state‑by‑state basis; and

Whereas, with NIL deals spiraling out of control, each state is further burdened with the need to continuously update their NIL laws each legislative session to ensure their in‑state institutions remain competitive in college athletics; and

Whereas, states should not be left with the burden of having to constantly address NIL each session when Congress could step in to pass a federal law that will make NIL uniform across the board; and

Whereas, such a federal law is the only way to ensure fairness and transparency in dealing with and addressing the NIL chaos that has ensued across the country; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly finds it necessary to urge the United States Congress to quickly enact a robust NIL law. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, memorialize the United States Congress to promptly enact a comprehensive law regulating name, image, and likeness use in college athletics nationwide, thereby providing uniformity and clarity throughout the nation.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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