**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 16, 2010, “YORK COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, York County is home to over 208,800 South Carolina citizens, which is nearly five percent of the state’s total population; and

Whereas, from a seven‑year perspective, last year’s five percent increase makes York third in rate of growth for South Carolina’s forty‑six counties since 2003, but when just 2009 is considered, York County takes over first place in growth, according to the latest data; and

Whereas, York County’s estimated assessment of real and manufacturing property exceeded six hundred ninety‑two million dollars, which is nearly a six percent increase from the previous year and represents approximately four percent of the state’s total assessment of real and manufacturing property; and

Whereas, ranked seventh in retail sales among South Carolina counties last year, high‑producing York provided more than four billion dollars to state coffers and over four percent of South Carolina’s total retail sales; and

Whereas, the citizens of York County passed a one‑cent sales tax in 1997 and again in 2003 to collect a total of two hundred seventy‑two million dollars to be used for critical road improvements, which also enhance the efficiency of the state’s road system. 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, recognize York County as a vital part of the great State of South Carolina and declare February 16, 2010, “York County Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the four chambers of commerce in York County.

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