**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2011 AND TO COMMEND THIS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE YEARS TO OUR STATE’S POLITICAL DISCOURSE AND SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the League of Women Voters of South Carolina is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary in 2011. Known widely for its voter education efforts, this nonpartisan, government watchdog group has been a respected and admired institution in South Carolina since its founding; and

Whereas, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina is the organization where hands‑on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement; and

Whereas, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina is an organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our system of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy; and

Whereas, League members are constantly striving to serve their communities and the State of South Carolina to make strong, safe, fair, and vibrant places to live; and

Whereas, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina believes in representative government and in individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina has always worked to promote the values and processes of representative government; and

Whereas, the current League of Women Voters of South Carolina was founded in 1951 by Mrs. Harriet Porcher Simons, and the League has held the public trust since that time by respectfully bringing elected leaders and the public together through nonpartisan, civil means and through thoughtfully advancing solutions; and

Whereas, South Carolina has benefited tremendously from the countless volunteer hours donated by League members in South Carolina’s eleven local area leagues over its sixty‑year history of enhancing our democracy. Now, therefore,

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

That members of the South Carolina General Assembly congratulate and extend best wishes to the League of Women Voters of South Carolina on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary in 2011 and commend this outstanding organization and its members for its many contributions over the years to our state’s political discourse and system of government.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the League of Women Voters of South Carolina.

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