**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE IN SOUTH CAROLINA THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, WHICH IS AN AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION DUE TO ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND SOUTH CAROLINA’S VITAL ROLE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Whereas, as directed by Congress in Public Law 109‑338, the Secretary of the Interior has conducted a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating areas of South Carolina as part of a national heritage area dedicated to the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution; and

Whereas, as this study comes to a close and the Secretary of the Interior is finalizing his recommendations to Congress on the designation of this area, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly wish to express their strong support for this remarkable andnoteworthy historical designation; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina believe the Revolution’s Southern Campaign dramatically shaped and influenced the direction and outcome of this nationally significant event in American history and that the cultural traditions and customs reflecting life during the Revolution are reflected today in the study area’s numerous National Historic Landmarks; National Register of Historic Places listings; recreational, natural, and archaeological sites; museums; culinary attractions; music and arts festivals; and commemorations by international, state, and local entities; and

Whereas, more Revolutionary War battles and skirmishes were fought in South Carolina than any other state, and the State boasts of such Revolutionary War notables as Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter, Andrew Pickens, Christopher Gadsden, Henry Laurens, John Rutledge, Isaac Hayne, William Moultrie, Andrew Jackson, William Jasper, Baron Johann de Kalb, Nathanael Greene, Horatio Gates, Daniel Morgan, four Declaration of Independence signers, also heroines such as Martha Bratton, Emily Geiger, Rebecca Motte, the Catawba Indians, and many African Americans; and

Whereas, the Federal designation of a Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Area will instill community pride in our history, educate the public as to the significant role this region played in the forming of our nation, and enhance the economic benefits of preservation initiatives and heritage tourism; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly strongly support and endorse the establishment of the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Area. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, memorialize the United States Congress to designate in South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Area, which is an area under consideration for this national heritage area designation due to its historical significance and South Carolina’s vital role in the American Revolution.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Joseph Biden, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Doc Hastings, Chairman of the United States House Natural Resources Committee; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; and to each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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