**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 23, 2016, “YORK COUNTY DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, nestled between the Broad River on the west and the Catawba River on the east in the state’s hardy Piedmont, York County is home to over 234,000 South Carolina citizens, which is nearly five percent of the state’s total population; and

Whereas, York County is one of the state’s fastest growing counties with an average annual growth rate of 4.5 percent and a cumulative growth of thirty‑six percent over the past ten years; and

Whereas, York County’s estimated assessment of real and manufacturing property exceeded $755 million, which is nearly a 1.6 percent increase from the previous year and represents approximately 3.4 percent of the state’s total assessment of real and manufacturing property; and

Whereas, York County is the state’s eighth highest producing county in retail sales, and provides three percent of South Carolina’s total retail sales; and

Whereas, the citizens of York County passed the county’s own one‑cent sales tax in 1997, 2003, and again in 2011 to collect $161 million, which brings the total tax to be collected to $433 million to pay for critical road improvements, which also enhances the efficiency of the state’s road system; and

Whereas**,** appreciative of York County’s fine preservation of its past, as well as its judicious eye to the present and future, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting York County. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize York County as a vital part of the Palmetto State and declare February 23, 2016, “York County Day” in South Carolina.

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

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