**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO THANK THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION FOR RECONSIDERING THEIR DECISION REGARDING PRIVATE USE OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN FOR LAWN AND GARDEN IRRIGATION AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LAKE HARTWELL ASSOCIATION ON THEIR EFFORTS TO MONITOR AND COMMUNICATE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS AFFECTED BY THESE DECISIONS.

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allowed permit holders to use the Savannah River Basin for irrigation for many years; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced its decision on December 28, 2015 that it was not authorized to regulate the use of the basin for irrigation; and

Whereas, their declaration would have negatively impacted the expectations and property values of property owners surrounding twenty‑eight lakes in eight states in the Southeast; and

Whereas, of those property owners, approximately twenty‑five hundred in South Carolina and Georgia surrounding Lake Hartwell would have been affected; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to reconsider its original decision as a result of efforts, including those of the Lake Hartwell Association, to demonstrate the impact of their decision. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General, by this resolution, join the South Carolina and Georgia Joint Water Caucus in thanking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for reconsidering their decision regarding private use of the Savannah River Basin for lawn and garden irrigation and to recognize the Lake Hartwell Association on their efforts to monitor and communicate on behalf of the citizens affected by these decisions.

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