**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑210 SO AS TO DECLARE THE THIRD SATURDAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS “SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF SERVICE” AND ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND LEND A HAND TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN OUR GREAT STATE.

Whereas, while 2015 was a year of unparalleled tragedies and other difficult challenges in South Carolina, the compassion, faith, and courageous endeavors of our people and communities set the Palmetto State apart, showing that in times of need we come together, neighbors helping neighbors; and

Whereas, sustained efforts to fill unmet community needs through such activities as checking on neighbors, delivering meals, removing litter and beautifying an area, mentoring a student, or repairing a building will continue to unite the citizens of our State; and

Whereas, Leadership South Carolina Class of 2016 is establishing an annual South Carolina Day of Service on the third Saturday of May to support and celebrate the spirit of the Palmetto State by encouraging our residents to give back to their communities and State in a meaningful, yet simple, way; and

Whereas, an annual South Carolina Day of Service provides a unique opportunity to volunteer as an individual, group, school, or business to create a better South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 53‑3‑210. The third Saturday in May of each year is declared to be ‘South Carolina Day of Service’ in South Carolina; and all South Carolinians are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand to make a positive difference in our great State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑