**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA, UPON ITS GRAND OPENING AND TO COMMEND ITS EFFORTS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN AND ADULTS THROUGH INTERACTIVE EXHIBITIONS.

Whereas, in 1775, the then American colonies decided they no longer wished to be under foreign rule. The Revolutionary War began. Five brutal years later, American freedom was won. This conflict set the stage for what the United States would become and who her people would be; and

Whereas, the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia, seeks to ensure the lessons learned on those battlefields, and later in Independence Hall, will never be forgotten. With comprehensive indoor gallery exhibits, immersive films, and outdoor living history, the American Revolution Museum will offer a truly national perspective, conveying a sense of the transformational nature and epic scale of the Revolution and the richness and complexity of the country’s Revolutionary heritage; and

Whereas, the grand opening will commence with thirteen days of festivities starting March 23, 2017, through April 4, 2017. The celebration will include a patriotic salute to America’s thirteen original states, a dedication ceremony, tours of the expansive gallery exhibits, military music, and eighteenth century interpretive experiences in the newly expanded Continental Army encampment and Revolution‑era farm; and

Whereas, South Carolina will be honored on March 30 with all pomp and circumstance. Each of the state celebrations will begin with a midday ceremony honoring the featured state with welcoming remarks and a presentation of the state flag, followed by an Honor Guard procession along the Grand Corridor to the outdoor re‑created Continental Army encampment’s artillery amphitheater for a flag‑raising ceremony and artillery salute. The day will be marked with musical performances, including military, fife and drum, and choral ensembles; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate wish to recognize the American Revolution Museum for the noble task they are undertaking in the education of adults and children alike through hands‑on learning. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia, upon its grand opening and commend its efforts to teach children and adults through interactive exhibitions.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia.

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