**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO PROCLAIM JUNE 21 TO 26, 2022, AS AMATEUR RADIO WEEK AND JUNE 25 AND 26, 2022, AS AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE WORK, FOR THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of transmitting the human voice over the airwaves; and

Whereas, amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between people, societies, and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

Whereas, amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

Whereas, these amateur radio services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

Whereas, the State also recognizes the services amateur radio operators provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including South Carolina Emergency Management and local and government served agencies; and

Whereas, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike‑a‑thons, marathons, fairs, and other charitable public events; and

Whereas, amateur radio studies can provide a “real world” compliment to STEM education; and

Whereas, the State of South Carolina recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these “hams” who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

Whereas, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national association for amateur radio in the United States; and

Whereas, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 25‑26, 2022, and is a twenty‑four hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs’ skills and readiness to provide self‑supporting communications without further infrastructure being required. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, proclaim June 21 to 26, 2022, as Amateur Radio Week and June 25 and 26, 2022, as American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Field Day throughout the State and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions of amateur radio operators, including emergency communications and other public service work, for the continued safety of the residents of the Palmetto State.

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