**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2021, AS “COURT REPORTING & CAPTIONING WEEK” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND ITS OBSERVANCE TO ALL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE.

Whereas, throughout human history, the spoken word has been translated into text for posterity. To accomplish this task, our society has relied on the skills and expertise of scribes, who have served as impartial witnesses and preservers of our past; and

Whereas, scribes were present when our nation’s Founding Fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, and President Abraham Lincoln later entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

Whereas, since the advent of shorthand machines, scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

Whereas, among their many roles, court reporters are present in the United States Congress, preserving words and actions for posterity; and

Whereas, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning often seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, delivering information to millions of deaf and hard‑of‑hearing Americans every day; and

Whereas, the State of South Carolina recognizes court reporters and captioners for their important work translating spoken word into text, helping to preserve our nation’s history, and making information more accessible to all. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize February 6 through February 13, 2021, as “Court Reporting & Captioning Week” in South Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens of this great State.

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