## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 8 THROUGH 12, 2019 AS "INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK" AND APRIL 10, 2019 AS "INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities has represented independent, private institutions of higher education for sixty-six years; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities' twenty member institutions across South Carolina serve more than thirty-three thousand students; and

WHEREAS, these independent colleges and universities provide access to higher education and the opportunity for a better life, as evidenced by the fact that minority students comprise forty-six percent of their enrollment and half the students demonstrate great enough economic need to qualify for federal Pell Grants; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities' member institutions enroll fourteen percent of all undergraduate students attending two or four-year colleges or universities in South Carolina but award fully twenty-three percent of all bachelor's degrees; and

WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing their students to be engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, graduates of independent colleges and universities serve in positions of leadership throughout South Carolina, helping to secure the brightest future for our State.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

**THAT** the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize April 8 through 12, 2019 as "Independent Colleges and Universities Week" and April 10, 2019 as "Independent Colleges and Universities Day" in South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to South

Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

In the Senate

Columbia, South Carolina

April 09, 2019

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the Senate and concurred in by the House.

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