MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Seymour, Barnett, Butler (38th), England, McCaughn To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 549

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 77TH SOUTHERN 2 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS AND 3 RECOGNIZING THE MISSION OF THE SOUTHERN OFFICE (CSG SOUTH). 4 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments Southern Office (CSG South) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member organization that 5 serves the southern legislatures of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, 6 Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North 7 8 Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, 9 and West Virginia; and WHEREAS, with regionally based leadership and perspective, 10 11 and national-level resources, CSG South provides Southern Legislators and government staff with a wide variety of programs 12 13 and services that facilitate regional cooperation and encourage 14 the exchange of information; and 15 WHEREAS, CSG South is governed by an Executive Committee made up of legislative leadership, and policy topics are overseen by 16 six Standing Policy Committees which consist of legislators and 17 18 government staff from the Member States; and

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WHEREAS, the mission of the organization is to serve as a community of the states, committed to connecting, informing, inspiring and empowering public servants in all three branches of state government to put the best ideas and solutions into practice; and

24 WHEREAS, in pursuit of this mission, CSG South has convened 25 the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) for the past 76 years, 26 beginning with its inception in Hot Springs, Arkansas and moving 27 into decades of fellowship and cooperation between the 15 Southern 28 States; and

WHEREAS, the 77th Southern Legislative Conference will convene in Charleston, South Carolina from July 8-12, 2023; and WHEREAS, more than 1,500 Southern Legislators, government staff, and their families will gather to discuss policy matters specifically affecting Southern States to bridge commonalities and discuss solutions for current policy trends, challenges, and opportunities; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend and highlight 37 the Annual Southern Legislative Conference, and encourage all 38 Southern legislative, executive, and judicial officials to attend. 39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF 40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That 41 we do hereby commemorate the 77th Southern Legislative Conference 42 of the Council of State Governments and recognizing the Mission of

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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to 46 the appropriate state officials in Mississippi State government, 47 forwarded to the Executive Director of the Southern Legislative 48 Conference, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.