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HJR\_\_\_ COMMEMORATING THE 77TH SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE  
CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS SOUTHERN  
OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments Southern  
Office (CSG South) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member  
organization that serves the Southern Legislatures of  
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,  
Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South  
Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, with regionally based leadership and  
perspective, and national level resources, CSG South  
provides Southern legislators and government staff with a  
wide variety of programs and services that facilitate  
regional cooperation and encourage the exchange of  
information; and

WHEREAS, CSG South is governed by an Executive  
Committee made up of legislative leadership, and policy  
topics are overseen by six Standing Policy Committees which  
consist of legislators and government staff from the Member  
States; and

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



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29 solutions into practice; and

30 WHEREAS, in pursuit of this mission, CSG South has  
31 convened the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) for the  
32 past 76 years, beginning with its inception in Hot Springs,  
33 Arkansas, and moving into decades of fellowship and  
34 cooperation between the 15 Southern states; and

35 WHEREAS, the 77th Southern Legislative Conference  
36 will convene in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 8  
37 through 12, 2023; and

38 WHEREAS, more than 1,500 Southern legislators,  
39 government staff, and their families will gather to discuss  
40 policy matters specifically affecting Southern states to  
41 bridge commonalities and discuss solutions for current  
42 policy trends, challenges, and opportunities; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Council of State  
45 Governments Southern Office is highly commended for  
46 highlighting the annual Southern Legislative Conference in  
47 its 77th year and welcoming all Southern legislative,  
48 executive, and judicial officials to attend, and this  
49 resolution is offered in highest regard to the council and  
50 its mission.