

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 186

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas 2007 is the 75th year that Brookgreen Gardens is open to the public;

Whereas in 1930 philanthropist Archer M. Huntington and his wife, sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington, purchased 9,100 acres of South Carolina land that stretched from the Waccamaw River to the Atlantic Ocean;

Whereas within the tract of such land were the remnants of four rice plantations, including the Oaks, Springfield, Laurel Hill, and Brookgreen;

Whereas the Huntingtons created Brookgreen Gardens on a 300-acre parcel of land with massive live oak trees which were planted nearly two centuries earlier;

Whereas in 1932 the Huntingtons opened Brookgreen Gardens to the public and established it as both a nature preserve and a showcase for American figurative sculpture;

Whereas Brookgreen Gardens consists of two main components: the Huntington Sculpture Garden and the Lowcountry History and Wildlife Preserve;

Whereas more than 550 works by hundreds of American artists are displayed in the Huntington Sculpture Garden;

Whereas the Lowcountry History and Wildlife Preserve is rich with evidence of the great rice plantations of the 1800s, contains native and domestic animal exhibits, and is the only zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums on the coast of either North Carolina or South Carolina; and

Whereas Brookgreen Gardens is designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress honors Brookgreen Gardens

- 1 in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, on its 75th anniversary
- 2 of being open to the public.

Passed the House of Representatives September 24,
2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen
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