STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S MOTOR COACH INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the American Bus Association estimates that a coach with an average of 40 passengers traveling to Maine represents spending of \$10,000 to \$12,000 dollars for each night in the State, including lodging, meals and purchases at stores as well as tolls, taxes and fuel purchases; and

WHEREAS, Maine's 4 largest motor coach businesses, Cyr Bus Line, Custom Coach and Limousine, Northeast Charter and Tour Company and VIP Tour and Charter Bus Company, and other smaller operators employ over 400 residents as drivers, mechanics, dispatch personnel, facility and vehicle service personnel and guides; and

WHEREAS, all of Maine's charter bus companies are family owned and almost all New England carriers are family owned and operated; and

WHEREAS, the New England Bus Association's annual meeting, held in the City of Portland from June 25th to June 27th, will host between 40 and 50 motor coach industry owners from across New England; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize Maine's motor coach industry, the State's hosting of the New England Bus Association's annual meeting and the opportunity to showcase what Maine has to offer.