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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND DR. GEORGE SCOUTEN, ENGLISH TEACHER AT HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN RICHLAND COUNTY, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2010 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPPER SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives recognizes educators who approach teaching with passion, creativity, and infectious enthusiasm, along with appropriate academic preparation in their fields; and

Whereas, in the roll call of such South Carolina educators, Dr. George Scouten, English teacher at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Richland County, stands chief among their number and richly deserves the honor of being named the 2010 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Upper School Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Dr. Scouten earned a bachelor’s degree in English and history from Salisbury State University, followed by a master’s degree in American literature from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate in American literature from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Scouten has been part of the Heathwood Hall faculty for twelve years, teaching English and humanities classes, including Advanced Placement English language and composition, European literature, and global issues, among other courses. He currently serves as director of international studies and student life and is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the school’s International Studies Diploma Program; and

Whereas, in his years as an educator, he has been recognized on numerous occasions for the excellence of his work. In 2009, he was named a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar grant recipient, and in 2008 he received a Turkish Cultural Foundation/World Affairs Council grant. He also served as a Fulbright exchange teacher in Hungary from 2003 to 2004 and received an Elliott Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1998; and

Whereas, known to his colleagues as “the proverbial Renaissance man‑‑gentleman, scholar, and athlete,” George Scouten has chaired the school’s English department and served as dean of students. Because he believes teaching also involves reaching the total student, he is heavily involved in extracurricular activities, having founded the school’s Model United Nations program and having twice been named South Carolina’s Lacrosse Man of the Year, with induction into the South Carolina Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2006; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, with great admiration and appreciation, is pleased to honor this outstanding educator as the 2010 SCISA Upper School Teacher of the Year, and the members join with his colleagues, students, family, and friends in extending best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend Dr. George Scouten, English teacher at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Richland County, for his commitment to providing quality education for the children of South Carolina, and congratulate him upon being named the 2010 South Carolina Independent School Association Upper School Teacher of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. George Scouten.

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