**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND ON BEING RANKED AMONG THE NATION’S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN *NEWSWEEK* MAGAZINE’S 2010 LIST OF AMERICA’S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS.

Whereas, the education of the young people of South Carolina remains an important priority to ensure productivity, success, and happiness for all of the citizens of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Spartanburg High School along with fifteen other schools in the State was ranked among the nation’s best high schools in Newsweek magazine’s 2010 list of America’s Best High Schools; and

Whereas, the 2010 list included only six percent of public high schools across the nation in the magazine’s annual ranking based on rigorous course offerings and student performance; and

Whereas, while not a measurement of a school’s overall quality, the rating illuminates one important factor, that of challenging students with demanding course work; and

Whereas, the magazine ranks schools based on the number of college‑credit tests like Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate taken by the school’s students, divided by the number of graduating seniors at that school the previous year; and

Whereas, offering about twenty‑five advanced placement courses each year, Spartanburg High School in District 7 ranked as 1,256 nationwide in this year’s list; and

Whereas, Principal Jeff Stevens credits the school’s accomplishment to the commitment that the teachers in those courses have to seeing their students succeed, that the students have to achieving academic excellence, and that the district has for providing curriculum that will promote academic development; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the students and educators of Spartanburg High School and for their commitment to high academic ideals. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the students, faculty, and administration of Spartanburg High School for their commitment to excellence and on being ranked among the nation’s best high schools in *Newsweek* magazine’s 2010 list of America’s Best High Schools.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Jeff Stevens.

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