**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DENISE KHAALID, SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, FOR HER EXEMPLARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2012 NASSP/VIRCO ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Denise Khaalid, Assistant Principal of South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, will be honored at a three‑day event in Washington, D. C., from April 18 to 21, 2012, for being named the 2012 NASSP/Virco Assistant Principal of the Year; and

Whereas, the overseer of numerous parent and community partnerships, she coordinates the school’s dual‑credit and High Schools That Work programs and facilitates professional learning among staff members; and

Whereas, she and her staff redesigned the school’s master schedule, developed common syllabi and exams within departments, established a uniform grading policy, and set a standard homework policy; and

Whereas, by providing high‑interest reading material, professional development for teachers, and targeted small‑group instruction and by reducing class sizes, Ms. Khaalid has increased the school’s emphasis on literacy; and

Whereas, under her leadership the nascent school which opened in 2005 has launched a freshman academy and has implemented open‑access International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs; and

Whereas, in her responsibility for the school’s dual‑credit program, she maintains relationships with local colleges and businesses, and she collaborated with a technical college to increase the program to nearly one hundred students, well over seven percent of the entire student body at South Pointe High School; and

Whereas, NASSP and school furniture manufacturer Virco Inc. annually honor an assistant principal from each of the fifty states; the selection criteria include outstanding collaborative leadership; significant contributions to curriculum, instruction, and assessment; and successful school personalization; and

Whereas, selected from the pool of state winners, the three finalists in each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity Schools were interviewed at the NASSP Breaking Ranks Framework K‑12 Conference in Tampa, Florida, and each finalist received $1500; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the outstanding reputation that Denise Khaalid has brought to her school and her community and the dedication and high standard of excellence she has provided to students of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Denise Khaalid, South Pointe High School Assistant Principal, for her exemplary school leadership, and congratulate her upon being named the 2012 NASSP/Virco Assistant Principal of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Denise Khaalid.

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