**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIAM RUTLEDGE DINGLE FOR THIRTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN EDUCATING STUDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE 2012 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that veteran educator and Sumter High School Principal William Rutledge Dingle was named the 2012 Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Student Councils; and

Whereas, after earning a bachelor’s in history from Presbyterian College, Mr. Dingle completed a master’s degree and an education specialist degree from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, for almost two and a half decades, he has served at Sumter High School, first as a track coach and teacher and for the last fifteen years as principal, and his students have deeply appreciated the lasting impact he has made on their lives through his academic leadership, support of extracurricular activities, encouragement in adversity, and commitment to excellence; and

Whereas, for his outstanding coaching, he has repeatedly been named coach of the year at the state level, and he was elected to the Sumter County Athletic Hall of Fame and to the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, in 2008, Principal Dingle was selected Secondary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, he has served on numerous boards for professional educators at the state and local levels and on the national board of directors for the National Honor Society; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Melony, he has reared three fine children, and he has served as a faithful elder at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that William Rutledge Dingle has brought to his community and to his profession and for the evidence of his profound influence on the education of students in our great State, represented by this student‑generated award. 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 William Rutledge Dingle for thirty‑eight years of exemplary service in educating students of South Carolina, and congratulate him for being named the 2012 Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Student Councils.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to William Rutledge Dingle.

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