**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE NORTH MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM UPON PLACING SECOND IN THE NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION.

Whereas, the North Myrtle Beach High School’s Mock Trial Team was first runner up in the National Mock Trial Competition, which was held May 11 in Madison, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, fifty‑four teams competed in this year’s South Carolina Bar High School Mock Trial regional competitions; twelve teams advanced to the state competition in March. North Myrtle Beach High School won the 2014 State Mock Trial Championship and advanced to the National High School Mock Trial Championship competition; and

Whereas, on May 11, after competing in four rounds of competition, North Myrtle Beach High School advanced to the final round. They were named first runner up after the completion of the round; and

Whereas, the team who competed in the National Mock Trial Competition includes: seniors, Shannon Cherney, Ariyana Gore, Lukas Gschwandter, Taylor Moon, and Bailey Phillips; and juniors, Madison Genevro, Alexis Jones, Brandon Lynch, and Kacey Markarian. The team was led by BJ DeCerbo and Amy Howe and attorneys Joshua D. Holford and Martin D. Spratlin also assisted the team; and

Whereas, students presented the plaintiff and defendant sides of a fictitious case before a panel of local volunteer judges and lawyers and also filled the roles of defendant, witness, bailiff, and timekeeper. Each team was judged on its presentation skills, rather than the legal merit of their case; and

Whereas, the team’s victory indicates the high level of knowledge and skill possessed by the members and is an outstanding accomplishment highly deserving of recognition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the North Myrtle Beach High School Mock Trial Team upon placing second in the National Mock Trial Competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the North Myrtle Beach High School Mock Trial Team.

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