**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPON RECEIVEING THE DESIGNATION OF “NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL” FOR 2012.

Whereas, Hammond Hill Elementary School is a PK‑5 school in North Augusta, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill educates approximately 800 students in its enrollment each year; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill is ably led by Principal Janet Vaughn and served by many dedicated teachers, staff, and parent volunteers; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill Elementary is the recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award and Closing the Achievement Gap Award for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill is a Red Carpet school that provides effective customer service and maintains a tradition of high academic standards; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill teachers and students have been recognized for many outstanding accomplishments in local, regional, state, and national competitions; and

Whereas, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students’ levels of academic achievement; and

Whereas, since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education’s National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored America’s most successful public and private elementary, middle, and high schools; and

Whereas, a National Blue Ribbon Schools flag waving overhead has become a trademark of excellence and a symbol of quality recognized by everyone from parents to policy makers in thousands of communities; and

Whereas, Hammond Hill Elementary is one of only five National Blue Ribbon Schools in South Carolina in 2012 and one of only 314 in the entire United States for 2012. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor Hammond Hill Elementary School in North Augusta for its recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2012.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hammond Hill Elementary School.

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