**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE ADVANCED STUDIES MAGNET‑HAUT GAP MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ITS INAUGURAL YEAR AS A STUDENT CLUB AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR WINNING THE REGIONAL COMPETITION AT THE CAROLINA SCIENCE BOWL.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the Atomic Bulldogs of Haut Gap Middle School on Johns Island garnered top honors when fourteen middle school teams from North Carolina and South Carolina competed in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 2, 2013; and

Whereas, sponsored by the United States Department of Energy and hosted by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, the Carolina Science Bowl poses questions in several scientific and mathematical disciplines that the student teams must answer; and

Whereas, the Atomic Bulldogs practiced after school until 6:30 two days a week to prepare for the competition, using glue bottles and markers to simulate the buzzer device that would be used at the bowl; and

Whereas, sponsored by teachers Melissa Core and Mary Moore who assisted with fundraising for the trip, the student club held bake sales and dress‑down days to raise money to enter the competition, and a local community group, Kiawah Cares, donated funds so the team could travel to North Carolina; and

Whereas, students from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades comprise the club that has competed in venues such as the annual Trebuchet Competition hosted earlier in the school year at The Citadel, but taking first place at the Carolina Science Bowl was clearly the crowning achievement for the nascent scholars; and

Whereas, as champions in the regional competition, the Atomic Bulldogs have advanced to the national level of competition and will travel to Washington, D.C., for the finals at the end of April 2013; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Haut Gap Middle School Science Club has brought to the school and to the community and look to hear of the continued success of these young scholars. 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 commend the Advanced Studies Magnet‑Haut Gap Middle School Science Club of Charleston County School District in its inaugural year as a student club and congratulate the team members and coaches for winning the Regional Competition at the Carolina Science Bowl.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Atomic Bulldog Science Club sponsors Melissa Core and Mary Moore.

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