**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MILLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND ALUMNI OF THIS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FOR THEIR PART IN ENSURING MILLWOOD’S SUCCESS IN SERVING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN OF SUMTER.

Whereas, in the fall of 1962, Millwood Elementary School first opened its doors to serve the educational needs of the children of Sumter with Principal Kathryn Holdom at the helm. Beginning with just first and second grades, the school housed its students in ten classrooms, one of which was the library; and

Whereas, today, led by Dr. John B. Hilton, Jr., Millwood’s principal for twenty‑five years, Millwood Elementary serves more than seven hundred students in grades pre‑K through five; and

Whereas, for a succession of fifty unbroken years, Millwood has been providing a challenging and enriching education to children, and its alumni number in the thousands; and

Whereas, in addition, this fine school is recognized by many as a model for exemplary parent involvement, which is a vital component of Millwood’s success; and

Whereas, a number of Sumter residents remember that half a century ago, in March 1963, Millwood held its first open house. Appropriately Thursday, April 25, 2013, the school will hold its 50th Anniversary Open House Celebration; and

Whereas, with great pleasure, the House of Representatives salutes Millwood Elementary School on its fiftieth anniversary and extends best wishes for many more years of a well‑deserved reputation for superlative education. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Millwood Elementary School at the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary and commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni of this outstanding school for their part in ensuring Millwood’s success in serving the educational needs of the children of Sumter.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal John B. Hilton, Jr., of Millwood Elementary School.

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