**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MATTHEW KENNEDY FOR HIS MANY ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Matthew Kennedy successfully completed the requirements for graduation from Summerville High School on Saturday, May 25, 2013; and

Whereas, in the fall of 2013, Matthew plans to enter the class of 2017 at Clemson University to pursue a pre‑business major; and

Whereas, inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society in 2010, he has been a member since 2011 of Mu Alpha Theta (ΜΑΘ), a national mathematics honor society for high schools and two‑year colleges with goals of inspiring keen interest in mathematics and developing strong scholarship in the subject; and

Whereas, having earned a varsity letter in cross country, track, and academics for four years each, he was awarded a highly esteemed Palmetto Fellows Scholarship; and

Whereas, he has served his community in numerous ways, including as a Kids Camp counselor and at a fundraiser for teacher’s daughter suffering from cancer, and he has served his church as a crucifer and a high school youth leader at St. Paul’s Church youth group; and

Whereas, a graduate of Palmetto Boys’ State, he was elected to the Palmetto Boys’ State House of Representatives; and

Whereas, on a Christian mission trip to Honduras, he helped construct a boy’s orphanage dormitory, and was a witness to the children; and

Whereas, besides running cross country and track, Matthew has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes since 2009, the Spanish National Honor Society since 2012, and the school’s student council; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the dedication to excellence in academics and in the community that is exhibited in the lives of outstanding students in the Palmetto State like Matthew Kennedy, and the members look to hear of his continued accomplishments in the future. 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 honor Matthew Kennedy for his many academic and community achievements and congratulate him upon his graduation from Summerville High School.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Matthew Kennedy.

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