**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ASHLEIGH VICTORIA PADGETT OF BATESBURG‑LEESVILLE FOR HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON HER RECENT GRADUATION CUM LAUDE FROM WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Ashleigh Victoria Padgett of Batesburg‑Leesville, having successfully completed a course of study in economics and government, earned her bachelor’s degree and graduated cum laude from Wofford College in May 2013; and

Whereas, the daughter of Steve and Donna Padgett of Batesburg‑Leesville, Ashleigh has consistently proven herself an exceptional student. During her college years, she was named a Wofford 1854 Scholar and earned a place on the Dean’s List and Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll for two years; and

Whereas, in the fall of 2011, she also was selected to study abroad with the IES European Union Program, her emphasis being on economics and political science; and

Whereas, she gained practical experience in the working world while at Wofford, serving as a library assistant for the college, completing an internship in the Law Office of Dana Wilkinson, and working as a Civic Engagement Task Force member for Spartanburg Regional Medical Center; and

Whereas, opportunities to serve abounded at Wofford, and Ashleigh took advantage of many of them. She worked as activities chair and academic chair for Delta Delta Delta Sorority; ministered to other Wofford students through Campus Outreach Ministries (COM) as a Bible study leader and participant in campuswide COM activities; assisted the needy as a member of the Hunger and Homelessness Committee; and served on the Wofford Athletics and Recreation Council, a post that gave her the pleasure of promoting the various athletic teams on campus, as well as coordinating opportunities for students to serve Wofford College and the Spartanburg community; and

Whereas, in addition, she was a member of the NCAA Division I women’s track and field team; and

Whereas, in July, this young scholar will move to Richmond, Virginia, where she will participate in the two‑year Northside Urban Fellowship program with Northside Church; and

Whereas, Ashleigh is like a second daughter to Ralph and Lisa Kennedy and closest of friends with their daughter Lauren and therefore shared many wonderful times together throughout her childhood; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the dedication to excellence in academics and service to the community exhibited in the lives of outstanding students like Ashleigh Padgett, and the members look to hear of her continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 Ashleigh Victoria Padgett of Batesburg‑Leesville for her academic achievements and community service and congratulate her upon her recent graduation cum laude from Wofford College.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ashleigh Victoria Padgett.

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