**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SENIOR MADDIE PALMER OF HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED 2013‑2014 GATORADE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that senior standout Maddie Palmer of Hillcrest High School has been named 2013‑2014 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year; and

Whereas, the award, which recognizes outstanding athletic excellence and high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated both on and off the field, distinguishes Maddie Palmer as South Carolina’s best high school volleyball player. She joins an elite alumnae association of past state winners, including three Hillcrest players who also took home this coveted award; and

Whereas, the six‑foot outside hitter led the Rams to a 58‑5 record and their third consecutive Class AAAA State Championship this past season. A Class AAAA First Team All‑State selection as named by the South Carolina Coaches Association for Women’s Sports, Maddie amassed 509 kills, compiling a .404 hitting percentage and .513 kill percentage, to go along with 392 digs, 56 blocks, and 25 service aces. In the Rams’ 3‑2 title‑clinching victory against Wando, she totaled 23 digs, 17 kills, four service aces, and three blocks; and

Whereas, a fine student, Maddie has maintained a 3.61 GPA in the classroom. As a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and her school’s Solid Rock Club, she has volunteered on behalf of her church, the Meals on Wheels Association of America, Harvest Outreach Center, Feed My Starving Children, and Generations Group Home. She also has donated her time to the organization of a childcare service for special‑needs children; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Head Coach Lynn Avant says of her, “Maddie is a great all‑around player. She can take over a match with her attacking and her blocking. When the game is on the line, she wants the ball. That’s the kind of player you love to have around”; and

Whereas, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the fifty states in a number of sports, awarding one National Player of the Year in each of them. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with *USA TODAY* High School Sports; and

Whereas, with great pleasure, the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to salute this daughter of South Carolina on winning the coveted 2013‑2014 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year award, and the members wish her the best as she steps into what is sure to be a bright future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate senior Maddie Palmer of Hillcrest High School on being named 2013‑2014 Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year for South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Maddie Palmer.

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