**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AMBER BALLENGER OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY FOR WINNING THE CHALLENGES AND CHOICES CONTEST AS PART OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Amber Ballenger, a student at Wright Middle School in Abbeville County, won the Challenges and Choices contest sponsored by Dreams with Open Arms; and

Whereas, the Challenges and Choices program, a public service announcement program of Dreams with Open Arms, encourages teens to reflect on how challenges and choices impact healthy teen living and pregnancy prevention and to share their perspectives by creating a poster or writing an essay for use in connection with this public service announcement program; and

Whereas, Amber Ballenger entered the contest as part of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and the Dreams with Open Arms Board chose her poster entry as the winner of the Challenges and Choices Contest; and

Whereas, for the first time the artwork from a winning poster has been replicated on a t‑shirt that will be sold, giving others the opportunity to purchase Amber’s winning artwork while supporting the teen pregnancy prevention work of Dreams with Open Arms; and

Whereas, as the winner of the Challenges and Choices contest, Amber will travel to Columbia and meet with the Honorable Nikki Haley, to present the Governor with a Challenges and Choices t‑shirt and for the reading of a proclamation regarding teen pregnancy prevention; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the dedicated efforts of Amber Ballenger to produce her winning artwork, for the recognition she has brought to Wright Middle School throughout the State, and for her role in helping to prevent teen pregnancy. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Amber Ballenger of Abbeville County for winning the Challenges and Choices contest as part of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Amber Ballenger.

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