**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SUZANNE KOTY ON BEING NAMED SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND TO THANK HER FOR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Suzanne Koty has been named Sumter School District Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, now beginning her eleventh year at Sumter High School, Suzanne Koty prepared herself for her teaching career by earning a bachelor’s degree in English from Francis Marion University and a master’s degree in education from American Intercontinental University. She also earned National Board Certification and was named a Top Ten Teacher (2009, 2010, and 2011), an Influential Teacher (2008 and 2009), and Distinguished Reading Teacher (2007 and 2008); and

Whereas, this outstanding educator is the extended‑essay supervisor, Kickin’ for a Cure advisor, and International Cuisine Extravaganza assistant advisor. In addition, she served as the yearbook advisor for a year. The most rewarding part of her duties is working with students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. In this role, she has been able to witness students succeed not just in school but also in life; and

Whereas, because she believes strongly in community involvement, Suzanne Koty is a member of numerous organizations. These include the Sumter Soccer Club, Sandlapper Soccer League, Sweet Reads Book Club, Palmetto State Teachers’ Association, Parent‑Teacher‑Student Association, St. Anne Catholic Church, Santee‑Wateree Writing Project, National Writing Project, National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, Sumter Schools Education Association, South Carolina Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

Whereas, grateful for the consistent commitment and excellence as an educator that Suzanne Koty has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting her on receiving the prestigious Sumter School District Teacher of the Year award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Suzanne Koty on being named Sumter School District Teacher of the Year and thank her for many years of dedicated service as an educator.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Suzanne Koty.

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