**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE MILLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF SUMTER AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND ALUMNI OF THIS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FOR THEIR PART IN ENSURING MILLWOOD’S SUCCESS IN SERVING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS.

Whereas, with Principal Kathryn Holdom at the helm, Millwood Elementary School first opened its doors in the fall of 1962 to serve the educational needs of the children of Sumter. In those days, the school housed just first and second grades in ten classrooms, one of which was the library; and

Whereas, today, led by Dr. John B. Hilton, Jr., Millwood’s principal for twenty‑five years, Millwood Elementary serves more than seven hundred students in grades pre‑K through five; and

Whereas, Millwood Elementary School for fifty unbroken years has maintained a tradition of excellence in educating its students, and its alumni number in the thousands; and

Whereas, in addition, this fine school is recognized by many as a model for exemplary parent involvement, making a substantial contribution to Millwood’s success; and

Whereas, half a century ago in March 1963 Millwood held its first open house. Appropriately, on Thursday, April 25, 2013, the school will hold another such event: its 50th Anniversary Open House Celebration; and

Whereas, grateful for the committed team effort of Millwood and its surrounding community, which is a primary driving force behind the school’s achievements, the Senate is pleased to applaud Millwood Elementary School on its fiftieth anniversary and looks to hear of Millwood’s continued high accomplishments in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Millwood Elementary School of Sumter at the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary and honor the administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni of this outstanding school for their part in ensuring Millwood’s success in serving the educational needs of its students.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal John B. Hilton, Jr., of Millwood Elementary School.

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