**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS, FOUNDERS, SPONSORS, PARTICIPANTS, AND FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION WHICH MARKS ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, AND TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THIS STATE’S THANKS AND GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT OUR STATE’S TEACHERS DO TO MOLD AND EDUCATE THE YOUNG MINDS WHO ARE SOUTH CAROLINA’S FUTURE.

Whereas, this year marks the fiftieth year of the South Carolina Teacher of the Year celebration, which is one of the oldest and largest statewide events honoring a state’s teachers; and

Whereas, this event annually brings together hundreds of business, education, and civic leaders to honor some of the best of our fifty thousand teachers across South Carolina; and

Whereas, as part of the event, District Teachers of the Year, State finalists, and South Carolina Teacher of the Year are selected; and

Whereas, since 1965, the celebration has produced a number of National Teacher of the Year finalists, and two of whom from South Carolina were later named National Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, the growth and participation in this event testifies to the great esteem with which teachers are held in South Carolina; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for the members of the House of Representatives to pause in their deliberations to honor this wonderful celebration and our State’s teachers who amply provide their students the opportunity to live complete and successful lives as future leaders in the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives commend the organizers, founders, sponsors, participants, and friends of the South Carolina Teacher of the Year celebration which marks its fiftieth anniversary this year, and express on behalf of the people of South Carolina this State’s thanks and gratitude for all that our State’s teachers do to mold and educate the young minds who are South Carolina’s future.

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