**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STROM THURMOND HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA BAR HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the Strom Thurmond High School Mock Trial Team earned their fifth state title on March 14, 2015, at the Matthew J. Perry Jr. Federal Courthouse; and

Whereas, Strom Thurmond qualified at the Piedmont regional competition and eventually won the title against Bob Jones Academy; and

Whereas, this year’s case focused on a university student’s role in the research of security threats and the ultimate hacking of a retailer’s website. As a part of the case, students discussed financial transaction card fraud, financial transaction card or number theft and computer crime. Students filled the roles of attorney, witness, bailiff, and timekeeper. The team was judged on its presentation skills, rather than the legal merit of their case; and

Whereas, led by teacher coaches Denise Jackson and Steven McKinney and attorney coach Blair Massey, participants in the mock trial team include Antonia Adams, Delshawn Anderson, Maegan Carter, Kristal Herrin, Jamarr McCain, Arturo Pineda, Grace Russ, Michael Stradley, Royden Watkins, and Keyson Whiteside; and

Whereas, the team will advance to the National High School Mock Trial Championship, which will be held in Raleigh, NC May 14-16, 2015; and

Whereas, the team’s victory indicates a high level of knowledge and skill possessed by its members and is an outstanding accomplishment deserving of recognition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Strom Thurmond High School Mock Trial Team on winning the 2015 South Carolina Bar High School Mock Trial Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Strom Thurmond High School Mock Trial Team.

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