**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND APPLAUD MARY PATRICIA CLELAND YAUN FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR EARNING THE 2018 GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives deem it fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to honor a woman who has dedicated herself to the education of children in the Palmetto State, Mrs. Mary Patricia Cleland Yaun; and

Whereas, Mary Patricia Cleland Yaun graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken with a bachelor’s degree in education in December 1986. The following August she began her lifelong career of teaching at Gloverville Elementary School; and

Whereas, having had the dream of teaching since she was a little girl, Mrs. Yaun finds great pleasure in watching her children succeed in life; and

Whereas, during her tenure, she has taught kindergarten and first and second grades. She has also been the site administrator of the state‑awarded after‑school program for fifteen years; and

Whereas, her career has been marked with awards and the love of the children who have passed through her classroom. In 2000, she was named “Who’s Who of American Teachers”, and in 2001 she was named the Teacher of the Year for Gloverville Elementary. She has also received the Area 3 High Flyer Award for overall excellence in the classroom on multiple occasions; and

Whereas, in 2015, her first‑grade class won the national math competition held through the website SplashMath.com. Most recently, she was named WJBF’s 2018 Golden Apple Teacher. This award honors those who believe in the true spirit of teaching by making classrooms a fun and safe place of learning; and

Whereas, since 1993, WJBF‑TV, News Channel 6, and their partners have been recognizing outstanding teachers, the everyday heroes who make a crucial difference in our children’s live’s. Mrs. Yaun embodies this description; and

Whereas, for over thirty years, Mrs. Yaun has been touching the lives of the children of Gloverville, helping them become whomever they wish to be; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the commitment Mrs. Yaun has shown and wish her much success and continued happiness for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and applaud Mary Patricia Cleland Yaun for her significant contributions to the children of Gloverville Elementary School and congratulate her for earning the 2018 Golden Apple Teacher Award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Patricia Cleland Yaun.

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