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**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

CONGRATULATING ACADEMIC MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTH CHARLESTON FOR BEING AMONG THE TOP‑RANKED PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY BY *NEWSWEEK* MAGAZINE.

Whereas, Academic Magnet High School once again has landed among the top‑ranked public schools in the country, according to a *Newsweek* magazine Web exclusive list of the nation’s 1,500 best schools; and

Whereas, the North Charleston school earned a No. 12 ranking this year, and Academic Magnet was one of only twenty‑two South Carolina schools to be ranked by the magazine this year; and

Whereas, the ranking is based on the ratio of the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2008 divided by the number of graduating seniors; and

Whereas, Academic Magnet High has been recognized by two national magazines for its quality: *U.S. News & World Report* - No. 9 in 2008; and No. 27 in 2007; and *Newsweek* - No. 12 in 2009; No. 7 in 2008; No. 11 in 2007; and No. 10 in 2006; and

Whereas, Academic Magnet has a highly selective admissions process, and once enrolled, students must take at least four Advanced Placement courses and finish a comprehensive thesis. Many students take more than the required number of AP classes, and students took more than 950 AP tests this year; and

Whereas, while the *Newsweek* ranking is one to be proud of, principal Judith Peterson said it’s not a motivator for encouraging students to take AP classes. The AP classes prepare students well for college and offer the opportunity to earn credit; and

Whereas, the school’s students also commit to ninety hours of community service by graduation, and those enrolled at Academic Magnet are high achieving and conscientious students; and

Whereas, the *Newsweek* list is intended to honor schools that have “done the best job in persuading average students to take college level courses and tests. It does not work with schools that have no, or almost no, average students,” according to the magazine’s Web site; and

Whereas, *Newsweek* excluded magnet or charter schools with an average SAT score above 1300 on the reading and math sections, or an average ACT score above 29. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Academic Magnet High School for being among the top‑ranked public schools in the country by *Newsweek* magazine.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Academic Magnet High School.

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