**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR MR. BURNIE BELL, PRINCIPAL OF CREEK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s most precious resource, its children; and

Whereas, longtime Creek Bridge High School Principal, Mr. Burnie Bell, will retire at the end of the 2009‑10 school year; and

Whereas, Principal Bell has served in the field of education for the past forty‑one years as a teacher, coach, and principal in the Britton’s Neck and Rains area; and

Whereas, Mr. Bell, a native of Rains, began his career in education in 1970 when he became a physical education teacher at Britton’s Neck High School. He went on to teach science, social studies, and coached boys’ basketball and baseball for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Bell accepted the position as principal at Britton’s Neck High School in 1984, and his career as a principal has continued at Creek Bridge High School for the past seven years. He has been recognized during his career with numerous honors, including Coach of the Year in 1980 and winning the S.C. Department of Education’s Principal’s Incentive Program Award for seven consecutive years; and

Whereas, during his years as principal, Mr. Bell has overseen the consolidation of Terrell’s Bay and Britton’s Neck High School in 2002 and the construction of the new Creek Bridge High School campus in 2003. The new campus houses state‑of‑the‑art computer labs and media center and now serves students in grades 6‑12; and

Whereas, additionally, under his leadership, the school has recently received several honors and distinctions, including the Palmetto Gold Award and *U.S. News & World Report*’*s* Bronze Award as one of America’s best high schools; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the Senate to pause in their deliberations to recognize the many good works of this fine South Carolinian. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate honor Mr. Burnie Bell, Principal of Creek Bridge High School in Marion, South Carolina, upon the occasion of his retirement on May 28, 2010, and to extend best wishes for much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Burnie Bell.

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