**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JOE H. BEDENBAUGH, LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING, FOR HIS THIRTY‑SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED 2010 JOSEPH M. BEDENBAUGH ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Joe H. Bedenbaugh, Lexington County School District One assistant superintendent for administration and planning, has been named 2010 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, this thirty‑six‑year veteran educator earned a bachelor’s degree from The Citadel, his master’s degree from Winthrop University, and his master’s plus thirty from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he taught and coached at Rock Hill High School from 1971 to 1974 and served as assistant principal at Lexington High School from 1974 to 1978, principal of Batesburg‑Leesville Middle School from 1978 to 1986, and principal of Lexington High School from 1986 to 1994. During the 1994‑1995 school year, he became the assistant superintendent for administration and planning for Lexington County School District One; and

Whereas, having served in the course of his long career as teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and district assistant superintendent, Mr. Bedenbaugh is more than qualified to mentor others in his field, and he fills that role of mentor generously and successfully; and

Whereas, embracing the challenging programs of the district with commitment and determination, Joe Bedenbaugh commands the respect of his colleagues and has proved himself a true gentleman and friend, one who can be trusted for solid advice. He is also known for his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor; and

Whereas, in addition, he cares for the safety and educational welfare of students and has a tactful administrative style. As one of his coworkers says, “He never seems to get rattled”; and

Whereas, during his tenure with Lexington One, his accomplishments as assistant superintendent for administration and planning have been extensive. He chaired a successful bond referendum in 2002; chaired the strategic planning team charged with charting the direction for the district; supervised the construction of three new high schools and seven new elementary and middle schools; supervised extensive renovations of a fourth high school; and provided leadership that opened scholarship opportunities for district students, as well as incentive awards for Batesburg‑Leesville Middle School and Lexington High School; and

Whereas, he draws much of his strength from the strong support of his family: his wife, Gale; their sons and daughters‑in‑law, Grey and Katie, Adam and Allison; and grandchildren William and Ryan; and

Whereas, the Senate congratulates Mr. Bedenbaugh for his selection as 2010 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year, and the members are deeply grateful for his outstanding contributions to the welfare of South Carolina’s children, who are our future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Joe H. Bedenbaugh, Lexington County School District One assistant superintendent for administration and planning, for his thirty‑six years of dedicated service as an educator, and congratulate him upon being named 2010 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joe H. Bedenbaugh.

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