**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BERKELEY TRAINING SCHOOL IN MONCKS CORNER, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND GRAND SCHOOL REUNION ON SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2010, AND TO COMMEND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, STATES, AND NATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate notes with pleasure that Berkeley Training School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina celebrates its Ninetieth Anniversary and Grand School Reunion with festivities from September 3-5, 2010; and

Whereas, Dixie Training School traces its history to 1880 in one of the area’s local churches; and

Whereas, the citizens of Moncks Corner, led by Reverend James Van Wright, eagerly joined in and contributed time and money to help build the school; and

Whereas, using the theme “A Dollar or a Day,” Uncle Van, as he was fondly called, received support from many who came from far and near, with mules and wagons, traveling over unpaved roads; and

Whereas, in 1900, a one-room school was built and this building soon became inadequate and a four-room school was completed in 1920 at a cost of $6,700; and

Whereas, the name Dixie Training School was changed to Berkeley Training School in the 1930’s and remained such until 1970; and

Whereas, in 1955, Berkeley Training High School was moved to a modern high school building and eventually integrated with Berkeley High, thus ending the history of Berkeley Training High School as a separate entity; and

Whereas, those who worked in the school rooms, teachers and principals alike, helped to produce a cadre of citizens whom they can be proud; and

Whereas, these schools have contributed to the welfare and quality of life for citizens in our towns, State, and country; and

Whereas, in recognition of nearly a century of achievement on the part of Berkeley Training School, the members of the South Carolina Senate take great pleasure in saluting the class at this special time in their history. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Berkeley Training School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, upon the occasion of its Ninetieth Anniversary and Grand School Reunion on September 3-5, 2010, and to commend its members for their many contributions to their communities, states, and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Berkeley Training School.

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