**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE LEAH WILSON HICKMAN, OF FLORENCE, ON BEING CROWNED MISS SUN FUN 2009 AND WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS IN HER REIGN AND IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Leah Wilson Hickman, of Florence, was crowned Miss Sun Fun 2009 at the Myrtle Beach High School auditorium on Saturday, June 7, 2008; and

Whereas, the Miss Sun Fun Pageant, sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, is held annually during the Sun Fun Festival, which attracts locals and tourists alike and showcases, among other events, a parade, a jet‑ski competition, a Guinness World Records “World’s Tallest Sandcastle” competition, and other beach activities; and

Whereas, having both intelligence and beauty, Leah holds a visual arts degree from Clemson University. An honor graduate, she retained her academic Life Scholarship the entire four years of her studies. While at Clemson, she played club soccer and was a member of the Student Alumni Association, IPTAY Collegiate Club, and the Fine Arts Student Association. As an Alpha Delta Pi Sorority member, she proudly represented the group in the Miss Clemson Pageant. Her artwork was presented at Clemson University’s Lee Gallery *A Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition*, where she sold her first piece of artwork for six hundred dollars; and

Whereas, currently, Leah is working full time as a manager/assistant buyer for a boutique. She has traveled to New York City for several buying trips and last fall was invited to attend the Badgley Mischka Runway Show during fashion week. Her ambition is to open her own boutique and present her own designs. Leah volunteers with Pee Dee Healthy People and Smoke Free Florence, with a focus on preventing youth smoking; and

Whereas, Leah was Miss Lake Murray and earned a spot in the top ten at the Miss South Carolina USA 2008 Pageant; and

Whereas, she and her family have spent a great deal of time on the Grand Strand, and she considers Myrtle Beach to be her second home; and

Whereas, as Miss Sun Fun 2008, Leah will represent Myrtle Beach at events throughout South Carolina, the nation, and the world. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Leah Wilson Hickman, of Florence, on being crowned Miss Sun Fun 2009 and wish her much success in her reign and in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Leah Wilson Hickman, Miss Sun Fun 2009.

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