**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MORNINGSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE DICK AND TUNKY RILEY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AWARD FOR 2009, AND TO COMMEND THE MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to congratulate the School Improvement Council of Morningside Middle School for its successful efforts to improve the quality of education for the school’s students; and

Whereas, an urban Title I school in North Charleston, Morningside Middle had a School Improvement Council that was virtually nonexistent just three years ago, and in that short time the council mobilized the entire school community to focus on school improvement; and

Whereas, in the 2007‑08 school year, the council had a greater focus on student achievement, instituted a student reading competition, initiated several student leadership programs, and began a student/teacher relationship‑building program called “Bridges”; and

Whereas, the council further enhanced the success of the school with a variety of programs to support the faculty and with an expanded community carnival to raise awareness on the success of assessment testing; and

Whereas, created in 2002, the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award is named in honor of former Governor and United States Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, Jr., and his late wife, Ann Y. “Tunky” Riley, in recognition of the couple’s longstanding commitment to quality public education; and

Whereas, the purpose of the award is to promote and support civic engagement for quality public education, and annually it receives significant contributions made to public education by more than fifteen thousand School Improvement Council members who volunteer in every public school in the State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly applaud the Morningside Middle School Improvement Council for its superb efforts on behalf of the students and congratulate the Council for receiving the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Morningside Middle School Improvement Council of Charleston County upon the occasion of receiving the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award for 2009, and commend the members who contributed to this success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Morningside Middle School Principal Kala T. Goodwine.

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