**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION YOUNG BANKERS DIVISION ON WINNING THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION’S 2009 PERSONAL ECONOMICS PROGRAM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to note that the South Carolina Bankers Association Young Bankers Division won the American Bankers Association Education Foundation’s 2009 Personal Economics Program (PEP) Award of Excellence; and

Whereas, this prestigious award went to the Young Bankers Division for its efforts to increase financial education in the State of South Carolina. To accomplish their goal, the young bankers shared their financial expertise with more than 59,740 consumers of all ages in 2,891 presentations around the State during the 2008‑2009 school year. By this means, the bankers reached nine percent of South Carolina’s entire student population; and

Whereas, a grassroots network of banker volunteers, banks, and state bankers associations, the American Bankers Association Education Foundation’s Personal Economics Program provides practical, real‑life financial education to people of all ages; and

Whereas, winners of the PEP Award of Excellence were judged by criteria in several categories, including the total number of presentations made to consumers of all ages, the percentage of the state’s student population reached, the number of banks and bankers participating each year, and how these efforts are communicated to educators and their surrounding communities; and

Whereas, in seeking to promote financial education, the American Bankers Association Education Foundation coordinates two major programs: National Teach Children to Save Day, a day each April when thousands of bankers make presentations to students on the importance of saving for the future, and Get Smart About Credit Day, a day each October when bankers stress the importance of credit education to young adults; and

Whereas, having made financial education for the public a priority, the South Carolina Bankers Association Young Bankers Division has won the American Bankers Association Education Foundation’s PEP Award of Excellence seven of the past eight years and is therefore worthy of high praise. 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, congratulate the South Carolina Bankers Association Young Bankers Division on winning the American Bankers Association Education Foundation’s 2009 Personal Economics Program Award of Excellence.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina Bankers Association Young Bankers Division.

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