**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION OF LUGOFF‑ELGIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN KERSHAW COUNTY ON RECEIVING A 2009 CAROLINA FIRST PALMETTO’S FINEST AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly note with pleasure that on March 9, 2009, Lugoff‑Elgin Middle School in Kershaw County received a 2009 Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest award; and

Whereas, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and several partner businesses, this prestigious awards program annually honors two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school that maintain innovative, effective educational programs; and

Whereas, looking beyond academics to such things as what students do for their community, judges consider a school’s instructional program, school culture, student achievement, and quality of faculty and staff; and

Whereas, founded in the early 1970s, Lugoff‑Elgin Middle School long has demonstrated to all that persistent excellence pays off. Its varied achievements, testifying of exceptional performance in every aspect of school life, range from four consecutive years of winning a Palmetto Silver Award, given by the South Carolina Department of Education to honor top academic performance, to being named the first South Carolina school to win the School to Watch Award, granted by the South Carolina Middle School Association and other partners to recognize outstanding middle school programs; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to affirm Lugoff‑Elgin Middle School’s place as an exemplar of all that is good and positive in public education in South Carolina, and the members join Lugoff‑Elgin’s many friends in congratulating the school on this, its latest achievement. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Lugoff‑Elgin Middle School in Kershaw County on receiving a 2009 Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Principal Daniel Matthews of Lugoff‑Elgin Middle School.

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