**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN RICHLAND 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, Spring Valley High School in Richland 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, no stranger to high honors, Spring Valley High School has demonstrated to all that persistent excellence pays off. The school is a five‑year Palmetto Gold Award recipient, as well as a Red Carpet Award recipient, and has been recognized by the Siemens Foundation and the College Board as one of the top fifty high schools in the United States, based on its “commitment to providing its students opportunities to explore the AP Program and its staff’s dedication to student success”; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to affirm Spring Valley High School’s place as an exemplar of all that is good and positive in public education in South Carolina, and the members join Spring Valley’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 Spring Valley High School in Richland 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 Greg Owings of Spring Valley High School.

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