**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KRYSTAL BROWN OF JASPER COUNTY FOR HER ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR, AND COMMUNITY SUCCESSES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2009 SENATOR FOR THE DAY SPEECH CONTEST.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate take great pleasure in commending the achievements of Krystal Brown of Jasper County and the high standard of leadership she has set among her peers; and

Whereas, born on May 9, 1991, in Hardeeville, South Carolina, Krystal Brown has consistently excelled and has received a myriad of academic and leadership honors, awards, and certificates; and

Whereas, as the president of her senior class, she has set for herself a benchmark for learning that has placed her first academically, with a 4.5 grade‑point ratio, in her class at Hardeeville Middle/High School; and

Whereas, she is a noted member of All Walks of Life whose focus is the prevention of violence against people with disabilities and the formation of social solutions that benefit the community and the individual; and

Whereas, as the local and state president of South Carolina Skills USA, she serves her community by partnering with other students, teachers, and industry to ensure that America has a skilled workforce; and

Whereas, Krystal not only loves to read, she also writes poetry and participates in community plays and talent shows. Krystal has also obtained her license to administer CPR and First Aid; and

Whereas, Krystal enjoys spending time with her family and has brought great pride to them, especially her mother, Shirley Thomas, who has been an ever-present source of love and support to Krystal; and

Whereas, those who heard her speech given at the annual Senator for the Day contest recognized her articulate zeal and eloquent passion in public policy issues; and

Whereas, in keeping with her determined character, Krystal Brown’s long‑term goals include attending the Citadel this fall, joining the National Guard, obtaining a law degree, and becoming a criminal defense attorney; and

Whereas, it is proper and fitting for the members of the South Carolina Senate to pause in their deliberations to honor such an extraordinary daughter of South Carolina and to recognize her exemplary leadership and commend the interest that she has shown in public policy and civil rights issues; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate wish Krystal all the best and look forward to hearing of her many successes in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Krystal Brown of Jasper County for her academic, extracurricular, and community successes, and congratulate her for taking first place in the 2009 Senator for the Day speech contest.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Krystal Brown.

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