**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, AND STAFF OF ORANGEBURG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THEY HAVE MADE ON THE LIVES OF THEIR STUDENTS, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS THEY HAVE ACHIEVED.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to commend the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five Technology Center for its outstanding commitment to excellence and for the success of its students; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Technology Center “is to provide a quality education for a diverse group of students that incorporates challenging academic and technical experiences with work skills that are required for success in a global society”; and

Whereas, while the Technology Center still prepares students in the fields of auto mechanics, carpentry, auto‑collision repair, and cosmetology, students can also take programs that will prepare them for work or college careers needed for twenty‑first‑century jobs, such as engineering, computer science, architecture, and nursing; and

Whereas, through partnership with Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College and other institutions of higher education, Technology Center students often receive dual credit in law, public safety, security, health science, civil engineering and agriculture, principles of engineering, introduction to engineering, digital electronics, biotechnical engineering, and automotive technology; and

Whereas, the many areas in which Technology Center students are certified include Internet and computing core certification (IC3), Pro‑Start, Safe Serve, and certified nursing assistant (CNA); and

Whereas, on the latest release of the South Carolina Report Card, the Technology Center met adequate yearly progress and received an excellent rating, which earned the school Palmetto Gold status, and the school has been honored as a National Blue Ribbon School and a state Showcase school, as well as a Red Carpet School for its customer service and user friendliness; and

Whereas, the Technology Center recently organized a National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) chapter, which was nationally recognized as the NSBE Chapter of the Year; and

Whereas, ten students of the NSBE chapter competed in a national science bowl at the NOBCCHE (National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers) conference in Houston, Texas, where two were awarded the Golden Torch Scholar Award and one student earned first place in the area of innovation; and

Whereas, students in health and human services competed at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America competition in Anaheim, California, where six students received National Silver Medallions, and students in building construction and in law and public safety competed in the National Skills USA competition; and

Whereas, the Technology Center recently received grant funding in the amount of $40,000 for the GREEN/STEM Initiative, and the South Carolina Association of School Administrators recently selected Dr. Johnny Murdaugh, Director of the Technology Center, as the 2012 Career and Technology Administrator of the Year; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the pride and recognition that the administrators and faculty members of the Technology Center have brought to their school and the success that the students are enjoying as a result of their own hard work and outstanding education. 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, recognize and honor the administrators, faculty, and staff of Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five Technology Center for the significant impact they have made on the lives of their students, and congratulate the students for the educational success they have achieved.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to

Dr. Johnny Murdaugh.

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