**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MISS CLARA MICHELLE SHOOPMAN, DAUGHTER OF SENATOR AND MRS. PHILLIP SHOOPMAN, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE BLUE RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TO COMMEND HER FOR COMPLETING THE SECOND GRADE WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO WISH HER A VERY BRIGHT AND HAPPY FUTURE.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly to achieve high academic success to the welfare of this great State’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Clara Michelle Shoopman was nominated by her academic achievement to run for president and was then elected by her peers to the office of president for the Blue Ridge Christian Academy elementary school; and

Whereas, Clara stands as an outstanding citizen, one much admired for her kindness, thoughtfulness, leadership, obedience, peacefulness, faithfulness, patience, and inward beauty, in her role as a student, daughter, sister, and friend; and

Whereas, born in 2004, young Clara is growing up in the Greer area, bringing joy to all those who know her. In preparation for her life’s work, she was homeschooled through the first grade and is now working on the remainder of her elementary education at Blue Ridge Christian Academy in Landrum, South Carolina, where she has graduated from the second grade after numerous academic achievements including competing in a regional spelling bee, performing in the Living History Museum as Annie Oakley, writing many creative stories and book reports, learning to write in cursive, and learning extensive grammar mechanics, multiplication, fractions, and introductory Spanish; and

Whereas, Clara Shoopman began her Christian walk early, learning many Bible stories, verses, and the nature of a loving God, and she was baptized on November 7, 2010, at Washington Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina, where she continues to study and memorize God’s Word with plans to serve Him the rest of her life; and

Whereas, with a genuine interest in all of God’s creatures, Clara studies bats, owls, lizards, frogs, caterpillars, and butterflies, and is a loving caregiver to many creatures including caterpillars, frogs, lizards, and turtles; and

Whereas, Senator and Mrs. Shoopman, and her brother, August Wade Shoopman, along with numerous others, consider Clara to be a friend, a leader, and a most special young lady; and

Whereas, having made her mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high, Clara will be remembered with affection and love by parents, brother, and friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Miss Clara Michelle Shoopman, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Phillip Shoopman, upon the occasion of her election as president of the Blue Ridge Christian Academy’s elementary school, commend her for completing the second grade with outstanding achievements, and wish her a very bright and happy future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Miss Clara Michelle Shoopman.

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