**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE TAMMY GRAHAM UPON THE OCCASION OF HER BEING NAMED THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to learn that Ms. Tammy Graham, assistant principal of Chester Park Center of Literacy Through Technology in Chester County, has been named the 2011 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, an exceptional ambassador for education in our State, Tammy Graham has worked to successfully increase student achievement, particularly through literacy and teamwork. In pursuit of this goal, she adheres to the message in a quote from champion race car driver Mario Andretti, who said “desire is the key to motivation, but it’s the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal, a commitment to excellence, that will enable you to attain the success you seek”; and

Whereas, a product of Chester County public schools, Ms. Graham earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in education leadership from Winthrop University, a master’s degree in elementary education from the University of South Carolina, and an education specialist degree in educational leadership from South Carolina State University. A tireless student while still serving as a teacher, Ms. Graham currently is pursuing a doctorate from South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, a twelve‑year veteran of the Chester County School District, Ms. Graham began her career as an educator by teaching third and later fourth grade classes before becoming an instructional coach. For the past four years she has served in her present capacity as assistant principal, and in that position has handled many roles, including instructional leader and coordinator of after‑school activity clubs that include bird‑watching, color guard, and paper plane aerodynamics; and

Whereas, in addition, Ms. Graham is actively involved in her community as a part of numerous professional and civic organizations, and enjoys reading, shopping, and watching football as hobbies; and

Whereas, well aware of how deserving Ms. Graham is of this distinguished award, the students of Chester Park Center of Literacy Through Technology and their parents, as well as her colleagues, friends, and family members, appreciate her commitment and service in the field of education, both of which have yielded incalculable benefits to students in South Carolina; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to express their sincere appreciation to Tammy Graham for her dedicated service and the standard of excellence she has brought to education in our beloved State. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Tammy Graham upon the occasion of her being named the 2011 South Carolina Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year, and commend her for her outstanding contributions to education in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tammy Graham.

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