**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MR. THOMAS RIVERS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEING NAMED THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the General Assembly has learned that Mr. Thomas Rivers, assistant principal of Gilbert High School, has been named the 2011 South Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, Mr. Rivers’ established model of excellence has encouraged the faculty and staff at Gilbert High School to grow professionally, and his ability to communicate effectively has enabled him to excel in championing the needs of all his students; and

Whereas, a veteran of fourteen years as an educator, Mr. Rivers has served as an assistant principal for five years and is actively involved in his community; and

Whereas, he received his bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in education from James Madison University, a master’s degree in continuing education from the University of West Alabama, and an education specialist degree from the University of South Carolina. Currently, he is pursuing his doctorate at the same institution; and

Whereas, unsurprised that this fine award rests on the deserving shoulders of Thomas Rivers, the students of Gilbert High School and their parents, as well as Mr. Rivers’ colleagues, friends, and family members, appreciate the outstanding contributions he has made in the field of education, which have benefited countless students in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Thomas Rivers, one of this great State’s finest educators, and to congratulate him on the pride and distinction he has brought to his school and community on being named the 2011 South Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year. 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 congratulate Mr. Thomas Rivers, assistant principal of Gilbert High School, upon the occasion of his being named the 2011 South Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year, and commend him for his dedicated service to education in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Thomas Rivers.

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