**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. CYNTHIA PRIDGEN FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED 2011 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to learn that Dr. Cynthia Pridgen, principal of Woodlands Heights Elementary School, has been named the 2011 Elementary School Principal of the Year by her peers of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, in 1981, Cynthia Pridgen earned a Bachelor of Science from Valdosta University, and then a Master’s degree in 1983 and a specialist in education in 1985, also from her alma mater; and

Whereas, she began her outstanding career in education in Douglas, Georgia, teaching at Eastside Elementary School, and she also served as a teacher in Spartanburg at West View Elementary School; and

Whereas, she received certification in educational administration from the University of South Carolina in 1998, and she secured a Doctorate in Educational Administration from South Carolina State University in 2002; and

Whereas, Dr. Pridgen served Spartanburg School District 6 for several years as assistant principal of Woodland Heights Elementary School, and for the last eight years she has served there as principal; and

Whereas, under her exceptional leadership, Woodland Heights Elementary School earned the coveted recognition as a 2010 Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest School; and

Whereas, well aware of how deserving Dr. Pridgen is of this distinguished award, the students of Woodland Heights Elementary School 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 had 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 Dr. Cynthia Pridgen for her dedicated service and the standard of excellence that 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 South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Cynthia Pridgen for her outstanding work as an educator and congratulate her for being named 2011 Elementary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Cynthia Pridgen.

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