**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE HANNAH MARIE KNOWLES OF RICHLAND COUNTY, ON BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE 2011 BERNARD CARROLL BALLENTINE SCHOLARSHIP, AND TO WISH HER SUCCESS AS SHE EMBARKS ON HER COLLEGE CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives pause to honor Hannah Marie Knowles of Irmo, the daughter of Sue and Mike Knowles, who has been awarded the 2011 Bernard Carroll Ballentine Scholarship; and

Whereas, aspiring to study mathematics at the University of South Carolina, Hannah Knowles has been a leader not only in the classroom, recognized as a Top Ten Student and a member of the Beta Club and the National Honor Society, but also on the court, as captain of the Dutch Fork High School junior‑varsity volleyball team and of the Lake Murray Volleyball Club; and

Whereas, an active member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, she volunteers often and readily for any job, such as Vacation Bible School, the Senior Ministry, and cleaning the church, and when she attended a national youth‑group gathering in New Orleans, she organized her church’s group and others to work in an inner‑city charter school; and

Whereas, while she works part time as a cashier at Food Lion, she remains extensively involved in her community, in such activities as registering and organizing the Lake Murray Volleyball Club that raised over five hundred dollars for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life after she learned that her volleyball coach had been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

Whereas, Representative Nathan Ballentine established the Bernard Carroll Ballentine Scholarship in 2006 in honor of his paternal grandfather who passed away in 1976 and in furtherance of his commitment to return his legislative salary to the community. Bernard Carroll Ballentine graduated from Irmo High School, served with honor in the United States Army during World War II, and was a former fire chief in Columbia; and

Whereas, the Bernard Carroll Ballentine Scholarship is awarded annually to one high‑school senior who plans to attend the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize such a noteworthy student and fine young woman as Hannah Marie Knowles, an outstanding daughter of Richland County and of this State, who has brought pride to her family, school, and community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Hannah Marie Knowles, of Richland County, on being selected to receive the 2011 Bernard Carroll Ballentine Scholarship, and wish her success as she embarks on her college career at the University of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Hannah Marie Knowles.

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