**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE FOR CAPTURING FIRST PLACE IN THE PERFORMANCE COMPETITION OF THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL.

Whereas, on March 22, 2012, well prepared for the challenge, the Gilbert High School Chorale won top honors at the 2012 South Carolina Music Educators Association State High School Choral Festival in the performance competition; and

Whereas, no strangers to victory, the Gilbert High School Chorale competed against other South Carolina Class A and AA choral ensembles and took home yet another first‑place trophy from this annual event, again performing in the major key of excellence and setting the standard for all challengers; and

Whereas, such an impressive performance is not achieved by accident. Choral Director Miki Wright Keisler, herself a highly accomplished musician, masterfully molded her singers into championship form, in the process imparting lessons in respect and self‑discipline that will stand these young musicians in good stead all their lives; and

Whereas, walking off the risers with the highest rating of superior in both performance and sight‑singing, the chorale was joined at the competition by its sister Gilbert High School choral ensemble, Bel Canto, which also garnered superior ratings in both performance and sight‑singing and won second place in the performance category. Finally, the chorale added to Gilbert’s bounty of awards by taking third place in the sight‑singing category; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing the young musicians of the Gilbert High School Chorale and anticipate with interest hearing of their continued praiseworthy achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Gilbert High School Chorale for capturing first place in the performance competition of the 2012 South Carolina Music Educators Association State High School Choral Festival.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal E. Ann O’Cain and Choral Director Miki Wright Keisler of Gilbert High School.

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