**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE NORTH MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM UPON WINNING ITS THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION’S HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL STATE COMPETITION.

Whereas, North Myrtle Beach High School’s Mock Trial Team won its third championship in the past four years at the South Carolina Bar Association’s High School Mock Trial State Championship held March 7‑8, 2014, at the Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Courthouse in Columbia; and

Whereas, this year’s case was a civil liability case. North Myrtle Beach High School’s defense faced Strom Thurmond High School’s plaintiff in the championship round. North Myrtle Beach will now advance to the National High School Mock Trial Competition held in Madison, Wisconsin May 8‑11, 2014; and

Whereas, students presented the plaintiff and defendant sides of a fictitious case before a panel of local volunteer judges and lawyers and also filled the roles of defendants, witnesses, bailiffs, and timekeepers. Each team was judged on its presentation skills; and

Whereas, ably led by teacher coaches Amy Howe and B.J. DeCerbo and attorney coaches Josh Holdford and Martin Spratlin, team members included Shannon Cherney, Bailey Phillips, Lukas Gschwandtner, Ariyana Gore, Taylor Moon, Kacey Markarian, Brandon Lynch, Madison Genevro and Alexis Jones; and

Whereas, the Most Effective Attorneys for the weekend were Shannon Cherney and Kacey Markarian. The Most Effective Witnesses were Ariyana Gore and Bailey Phillips; and

Whereas, the team’s victory indicates the high level of knowledge and skill possessed by the members and is an outstanding accomplishment highly deserving of recognition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the North Myrtle Beach High School Mock Trial Team upon winning its third championship in the South Carolina Bar Association’s High School Mock Trial State Competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the North Myrtle Beach High School Mock Trial Team.

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