**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO COMMEND THE SCHOOL ON THE OUTSTANDING EDUCATION PROVIDED TO ITS STUDENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR A LONG AND ILLUSTRIOUS FUTURE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Pinewood Preparatory School is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary; and

Whereas, located in Summerville, Pinewood Preparatory School is the product of the 1980 merger of Pinewood School and Summerville Academy. Pinewood School, founded by the Allan family in 1952, began with fifty‑two students in grades one through eight and later expanded to include a preschool department, grades nine and ten, a boarding department, and a summer school located in New York; and

Whereas, the Summerville Academy was established in 1969 as a college preparatory school. In 1974, the school moved into a new facility currently occupying forty‑three acres, four miles west of downtown Summerville; and

Whereas, following the death of Mrs. Allan and the subsequent sale of the Pinewood School properties, Pinewood‑Summerville Preparatory School (now Pinewood Preparatory School) was incorporated in the summer of 1980 and moved its operations to the former Summerville Academy campus in the fall of 1981; and

Whereas, presently, Pinewood Preparatory School serves seven hundred fifty students in preschool to grade twelve, a student body representing fifteen countries; and

Whereas, Pinewood places strong emphasis on educating, inspiring, and motivating students who are destined for leadership and achievement. With rigorous academics, small class sizes, competitive athletics, varied extracurricular and fine‑arts programs, and a homelike atmosphere, the school develops well‑rounded students who are prepared for the world that awaits them; and

Whereas, a diverse roster of school activities includes thirty‑five varsity and junior varsity athletic teams, thirty academic teams and special‑interest clubs, a nationally and internationally recognized drama program, and a community‑service program; and

Whereas, grateful for the exceptional contributions of Pinewood Preparatory School to the education of our most precious resource, South Carolina's children, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting the school on its sixtieth anniversary and in wishing its administration, faculty, staff, and students a future abounding in continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Pinewood Preparatory School on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary, commend the school on the outstanding education provided to its students, and extend the best wishes of the South Carolina House of Representatives for a long and illustrious future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Steve Mandell.

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