**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963 ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CLASS OF 1963 ON ITS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Wren High School Class of 1963 is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year and will enjoy a class reunion as part of its celebration; and

Whereas, located in Anderson County near Greenville and named after the state bird, Wren High School was founded in 1957, with C.L. Dodson as principal. His son Glenn graduated in the Class of 1963, giving Mr. Dodson a special connection with the class; and

Whereas, the new school, which consisted of two classroom buildings and other facilities such as a gym, educated grades 1‑12. The high school, grades 7‑12, was housed in the building Wren Middle School now occupies, the present high school being directly across the street from its original site; and

Whereas, in the fall of 1957, the members of the Class of 1963 began their years at Wren as seventh graders, called “subfreshmen” in those days. Students were drawn from the Easley, Piedmont, and Piercetown areas, but farm families had the option of keeping their children out of school to help the family pick cotton and work at the farmer’s market; and

Whereas, the entire student body voted on the school name, school colors, and team name, the “Golden Hurricanes” winning out over other possibilities in the latter category. The yearbook was dubbed the *Wrenicycle*, and Brenda Smith Coggins of the Class of 1963 designed the school seal, which is still displayed in the commons area today; and

Whereas, the school has grown in size since the early years. In 1963, student enrollment at Wren was 1,250 for grades 1 through 12; today, students number 1,300 for just grades 9 through 12; and

Whereas, the first class to be offered college‑preparatory courses at Wren, the Class of 1963 discovered various extracurricular activities, such as very active FFA and FHA clubs, to fill their leisure hours; and

Whereas, two particularly special extracurricular events for the Class of 1963 were the unforgettable senior trip to Washington, D.C., and the junior‑senior prom, held at the Clemson House; and

Whereas, as part of the Skyline Athletic Conference, Wren students found the early years to be tough but rewarding ones. Highlights of those days: In 1962 and 1963, the girls basketball team took home back‑to‑back second‑place finishes in the state championship tournament; and

Whereas, the Class of 1963 has been very productive. From its graduates, many excellent businessmen and women, entrepreneurs, various other professionals, and homemakers have emerged to bless our society; and

Whereas, very proud of the many accomplishments of this fine class, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing and honoring the Wren High School Class of 1963 for all that these graduates have achieved over the past fifty years. 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 Wren High School Class of 1963 on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend the Class of 1963 on its many accomplishments in a wide range of endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Wren High School Class of 1963.

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