**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE BELL STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON WINNING THE 2013 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, in yet another extension of their long‑lived dynasty as leaders in math and science, the members of the Bell Street Middle School Science Olympiad team nailed their eleventh straight state championship title on February 23, 2013, at Newberry College; and

Whereas, building on the success of previous years, the team from Bell Street Middle once again brought enough members to form two teams and were the only team to do so this year; and

Whereas, Science Olympiad tournaments at the state level consist of a series of twenty events covering various disciplines of science, including biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers, and technology; and

Whereas, grappling with daunting formulas involving force, velocity, and acceleration; concepts such as apogee and perigee; and the machinations of the Krebs cycle and photosynthesis, these scholars have endured demanding practices on many Saturdays and often several times during the week and have excelled academically; and

Whereas, Head Coach Terri O’Shields and the twenty‑four coaches of Bell Street Middle School used their own scientific acumen and training to mold a championship team and set a standard for excellence that will serve these students well in all their life endeavors; and

Whereas, proud of the fine recognition the members of the Bell Street Middle School Science Olympiad team have garnered for their school and community, the House of Representatives extends best wishes to them as they prepare to represent South Carolina in the national competition, to be held May 17‑18, 2013, in Dayton, Ohio. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Bell Street Middle School Science Olympiad team and its coaches on winning the 2013 Science Olympiad State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Brenda Romines and Head Coach Terri O’Shields.

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