**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE AUSTIN ASHLEY HOUSER OF COLUMBIA UPON HIS RECENT GRADUATION FROM IRMO HIGH SCHOOL.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Austin Ashley Houser of Columbia, having successfully completed his secondary‑school course of study, graduated from Irmo High School on June 7, 2013; and

Whereas, born the son of Ashley and the late Kathy Houser on July 25, 1992, Austin was diagnosed with autism, but he has not let a mere diagnosis stop him. He has been very active in both school and sports, especially with basketball and baseball, both of which he plays in a special‑needs league; and

Whereas, in addition, he participates in the Special Olympics and competes in basketball, as well as in track and field. As a viewing sport, Austin loves to watch NASCAR; and

Whereas, this new graduate of South Carolina’s Midlands‑area public schools is also a young man of faith, which he expresses through active involvement at Saxe Gotha Church in Lexington; and

Whereas, Austin will continue his journey with Hope Bridge at the Hollies Adult Center in West Columbia. While attending Hope Bridge, he will still live at home but will be able to enjoy all sorts of daily activities; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is proud of Austin’s fine achievements, and the members wish him much success and happiness as he pursues interests old and new in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend and congratulate Austin Ashley Houser of Columbia upon his recent graduation from Irmo High School.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Austin Ashley Houser.

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