**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA THESPIAN SOCIETY AND PALMETTO DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL COMPETITION AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE FESTIVAL CROWN AS SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Lexington High School Drama Department’s play, Douglas Craven’s *Monkey Do*, captured first place in the one‑act division of the 2014 South Carolina Thespian Society and Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival Competition and that, further, the Lexington High players were named the festival’s South Carolina state champions; and

Whereas, under the direction of Dr. Christin Pirkle, these talented teenagers spent many hours rehearsing and perfecting all the details of their production, and their stellar performance gave clear proof of disciplined preparatory work; and

Whereas, participating members of the Lexington High School Drama Department included Andrew Mullin, Isabella Dunsieth, Katherine Beckham, Logan Shipman, Chance Morgan, Kelsey Barnes, Maggie Hornacek, Liam Myhill, Devon Eillers, Cara Bevensee, Rachel Gasdia, Evelyn Stith, Elaine Rivers, Caleb Terry, Tiffany Settle, Laini Ashcraft, Jimmy Clayton, Alex Krupin, Hannah Snelgrove, Brianna Rafferty, Marissa Smith, and Meg Ray; and

Whereas, making a sweet win even sweeter, the cast received prestigious group and individual awards at the competition, including Superior Play Performance (won by the entire cast), Best Costume, and Best Set. In addition, Andrew Mullin and Isabella Dunsieth each won a Superior Acting Award, Katherine Beckham took home an Excellent Acting Award, and Isabella Dunsieth nailed a spot in the State Honors Showcase; and

Whereas, delighted to hear that the members of the Lexington High School Drama Department will represent South Carolina with their winning play at the International Thespian Society Convention in Nebraska this summer, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in welcoming them to Columbia and the State House. The members of the House join in saluting these gifted young people for their praiseworthy accomplishments and in wishing them continued success in the days to come‑‑or, to use the proper terminology, break a leg, Lexington High thespians! Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the members of the Lexington High School Drama Department for their outstanding performance at the 2014 South Carolina Thespian Society and Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival Competition and congratulate them on winning the festival crown as South Carolina state champions.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Melissa Rawl and Dr. Christin Pirkle of Lexington High School.

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