**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE FORESTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM FROM MYRTLE BEACH AND TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS AND THEIR COACHES ON CAPTURING THE INAUGURAL BATTLE OF THE CAROLINAS MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, having beaten all other teams in two states and having delivered convincing evidence that they fully deserved to win top honors, the Forestbrook Middle School mock trial team took home the inaugural crown at the Battle of the Carolinas Mock Trial Championship; and

Whereas, in a riveting final round, Forestbrook prevailed over Ocean Bay Middle with the talents of team members Hannah Beam, Hailey Haddock, Ashlyn Herring, Erica Holt, Jessica Jefferds, Ashley Jones, Joey Kirkman, Aly Loyd, Zoe McNelis, Zack Odom, Neil Pankhania, Cecia Zavala Ramos, Sydny Stegall, and Sophie Stevanovich; and

Whereas, students competed in four difficult rounds, with Aly Loyd and Joey Kirkman being named Most Effective Witnesses and Erica Holt, Sydny Stegall, and Ashley Jones being named Most Effective Attorneys; and

Whereas, there is no debate about the fine job teacher coaches Gretchen Almeida and Grace Burleson and attorney coach Audra Byrd did in preparing these students for the new challenges that awaited them at the Battle of the Carolinas; and

Whereas, proud indeed of the outstanding accomplishments of the Forestbrook Middle School mock trial team, the House of Representatives congratulates the team on reaching new heights of achievement in capturing top honors at the 2014 Battle of the Carolinas. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Forestbrook Middle School mock trial team from Myrtle Beach and congratulate the students and their coaches on capturing the inaugural Battle of the Carolinas Mock Trial Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to April Scott, principal of Forestbrook Middle School; attorney Audra McCall Byrd; and teachers Gretchen Almeida and Grace Burleson of Forestbrook Middle School.

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