**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE SHERRY WHITESIDES, A FOURTH‑GRADE TEACHER AT COTTON BELT ELEMENTARY IN YORK, AND TO COMMEND HER UNCOMMON INTEGRITY AND GODLY VIRTUE.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives pause in their deliberations to express their appreciation to citizens and public servants such as Sherry Whitesides, who exhibit high moral values and principles; and

Whereas, on Monday, April 1, 2014, Sherry Whitesides was on her way to her son’s afternoon baseball game in Clover when one‑hundred‑dollar bills started flying in front of the windshield of her car and landed on the ground in front of her; and

Whereas, something blew off the top of the sport utility vehicle in front of her, scattering its contents, and when she stopped to help pick it up, she found a bank transaction slip and a bank bag containing a driver’s license, credit cards, business cards, the title for a truck, and money flying from the open bag; and

Whereas, when the driver did not realize he had lost the bag and failed to turn around, she gathered it all and went to the bank to try to return it, but the bank had closed for the day; and

Whereas, instead of keeping it, Ms. Whitesides and her son Alan drove to the police station and turned the bag and its contents over to the police, and then they went to watch her other son’s baseball game; and

Whereas, the police were later able to identify the owner and return the money, totaling more than eleven thousand dollars; and

Whereas, feeling that she receives all that she needs from God and that she is rich in the Lord, Ms. Whitesides was not tempted to keep any of the money. Instead, she followed the Golden Rule, “Do to others as you would have them do to you,” and she returned it all; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the extraordinary humility and honesty of Sherry Whitesides and admire the godly example she has set for her son, her students, and her community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Sherry Whitesides, a fourth‑grade teacher at Cotton Belt Elementary in York County, and commend her uncommon integrity and godly virtue.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sherry Whitesides.

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