**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE PROFESSOR IVANA POPOVIC OF MORRIS COLLEGE ON RECEIVING A 2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD FROM SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the outstanding work of Morris College’s Professor Ivana Popovic has been recognized with a 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award from South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities (SCICU); and

Whereas, each year, SCICU recognizes and celebrates the best of the best with its Excellence in Teaching Awards. A member of the faculty from each of twenty institutions of higher learning is nominated for the award, according to rigorous guidelines. The award recipients are honored at a special dinner and awarded a three‑thousand‑dollar professional development grant. This year’s awards were announced in a ceremony on April 9, 2014; and

Whereas, award recipient Professor Ivana Popovic of Morris College has been an assistant professor of mass communications in the Morris College Division of Religion and Humanities since 2009. She teaches a variety of classes, ranging from photography and mass communications to public relations; and

Whereas, since joining Morris College, Professor Popovic has dedicated her efforts to enhancing student learning, writing, and creativity. Because she firmly believes in hands‑on teaching, as well as discussion‑based lectures, she gives students practical, hands‑on assignments. She has high expectations for her students, expects only the best from them, and cares deeply for the overall well‑being of all her students, a concern she demonstrates through the personal interest she takes in each of them; and

Whereas, in addition to carrying out her committee work and academic advising, Professor Popovic created, at the request of her students, a photography club, which she serves as faculty advisor. Further, she is responsible for bringing in speakers from various media to participate in the annual media symposium, held during the school’s fine arts festival. She also enjoys collaborating with other faculty members and discussing ways to improve teaching methods. She tries to lead by example through laboring diligently and continuing to learn herself; and

Whereas, born and raised in Zemun, Serbia, Ivana Popovic first came to the United States as a high school exchange student and lived for a year with a host family in Missouri. After discovering photography during her undergraduate studies at William Woods University in Missouri, she enrolled at Boston University, where she earned a master’s degree in journalism in 2005; and

Whereas, before coming to Morris College, she worked as staff photographer for the *Brunswick News* in Brunswick, Georgia, and as a high school teacher at a private school in Marion; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, appreciative of her fine achievements, takes great pleasure in saluting Professor Popovic on her latest accolade, a 2014 SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and congratulate Professor Ivana Popovic of Morris College on receiving a 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award from South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Professor Ivana Popovic.

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