**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SHERRY P. CARIENS, PRINCIPAL OF OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED 2014 JOSEPH M. BEDENBAUGH ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Sherry P. Cariens, principal of Oak Grove Elementary School, has been named 2014 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year; and

Whereas, given annually by the Lexington One Educational Foundation, the Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year award honors an administrator who exhibits outstanding leadership skills and compassion toward students, who works well with staff, students, and parents, and who considers the educational development of students a primary goal; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, this native of Belmont, North Carolina, graduated from Appalachian State University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and mathematics and earned her master’s degree and education specialist degree from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, on moving to South Carolina, Mrs. Cariens’ first teaching assignment took her to Oak Grove Elementary, where she taught mathematics, followed by a similar assignment at Lexington Middle School. At Lexington Middle, she entered the area of administration, becoming an assistant principal for instruction. She later accepted a post as an intermediate school assistant principal and soon after became principal at Lexington Intermediate School. This year is her fourth as principal of Oak Grove Elementary School (OGE); and

Whereas, under Sherry Cariens’ leadership, Oak Grove Elementary has flourished. The school was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012, and this year Oak Grove achieved Franklin Covey Lighthouse School status, a highly coveted honor awarded to schools that promote leadership. In addition, several times OGE has received Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver awards; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives congratulates Mrs. Cariens on her selection as 2014 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year, and the members are deeply grateful for her outstanding contributions to the welfare of South Carolina’s children, who are our future. 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 commend Sherry P. Cariens, principal of Oak Grove Elementary School in Lexington School District One, for her many years of dedicated service as an educator and congratulate her upon being named 2014 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sherry P. Cariens.

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