**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KRISH PATEL, AN EIGHTH‑GRADE STUDENT AT PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Krish Patel from Pinewood Preparatory School in Summerville won the 2014 South Carolina State Geography Bee; and

Whereas, his victory in the 2014, South Carolina Geography Bee marks his fifth consecutive win of that title in the annual contest; and

Whereas, one of fifty‑four state and territory winners from more than four million student contestants, Krish Patel participated in the preliminary rounds of the 26th annual National Geographic Bee on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D. C.; and

Whereas, his perfect score of nine out of nine in the preliminary round earned him a spot as one of the top‑ten finalists who competed in the final round moderated by award‑winning journalist Soledad O’Brien on Wednesday, May 21, 2014; and

Whereas, the first‑place winner won a $50,000 college scholarship, lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, and a trip for two to the Galápagos Islands on an expedition aboard the Lindblad ship *National Geographic Endeavour*, and the second‑place, third-place, and fourth-place winners received college scholarships for $25,000, $10,000, and $1,000, respectively; and

Whereas, placing fifth, Krish is eligible for selection to the three‑person team that will represent the United States at the National Geographic World Championship to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2015, and he was awarded $500 along with each of the other five finalists; and

The South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that Krish Patel has brought to his school, to his family, to his community, and to the Palmetto State, and the members look to hear of his continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Krish Patel, an eighth‑grade student at Pinewood Preparatory School in Dorchester County, and congratulate him for winning the 2014 South Carolina State Geography Bee.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Krish Patel.

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