**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. GRAHAM DUNCAN FOR HIS TALENTS IN POETRY AND TO WISH HIM WELL AS HE CONTINUES HIS ACADEMIC CAREER.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources to honor the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Graham Duncan has contributed a valuable piece of poetry to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, in high school, he was a member of the marching band and won the John Philip Sousa award in the eleventh grade. He was also a member of the Beta Club and participated in numerous plays with both the high school theatre group and the Laurens County Community Theater; and

Whereas, Mr. Duncan wrote a beautiful poem dedicated to the State of South Carolina titled, “Ode to the Palmetto” which reads:

“The wind blows fiercely

Through a black Holy City.

The Palmetto bends,

But it does not break.

And the sand laps a bit higher,

And the tea tastes a bit sweeter,

And with the soil a bit richer,

The roots grow a bit deeper.

And what a difference

Palmettos make.

Overhead shines radiantly

Through the thick black clouds,

A shining crescent, splashed by rain.

As lightning torches the bay,

The thunder echoes violently,

But our silver armor does not forsake.

And with the soil a bit richer,

The roots grow a bit deeper,

And what a difference

Palmettos make.”

Whereas, Mr. Duncan is currently a sophomore at Clemson University and is working towards a degree in English and secondary education. He also marches with the Tiger Band and is a member of College Republicans at Clemson; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mr. Graham Duncan who use their talents and resources to serve our great State. 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 honor Mr. Graham Duncan for his outstanding talents in poetry and wish him well as he continues this academic career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Graham Duncan.

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