**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION OF OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LEXINGTON COUNTY ON RECEIVING A COVETED 2015 PALMETTO’S FINEST AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives notes with pleasure that Oak Grove Elementary School in Lexington County received a 2015 Palmetto’s Finest award; and

Whereas, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and several partner businesses, this prestigious awards program annually honors two elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and sometimes a fifth school that maintain innovative, effective educational programs; and

Whereas, looking beyond academics to such things as what students do for their community, judges consider a school’s instructional program, school culture, student achievement, and quality of faculty and staff; and

Whereas, Oak Grove Elementary School long has demonstrated to all that persistent excellence pays off, and the achievements of its seven hundred forty‑four students are proof of the fine work of its faculty, staff, and administration, as well; and

Whereas, in addition to being named Palmetto’s Finest, Oak Grove Elementary already has to its credit National Blue Ribbon School and FranklinCovey The Leader in Me Lighthouse School status; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to affirm Oak Grove Elementary School as an exemplar of all that is good and positive in public education in South Carolina, and the members join Oak Grove’s many friends in congratulating the school on this, its latest achievement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Oak Grove Elementary School in Lexington County on receiving a coveted 2015 Palmetto’s Finest award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Sherry Cariens of Oak Grove Elementary School.

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