**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ASHLEY STONE OF COLUMBIA ON HER SELECTION AS A 2015 DELEGATE TO PALMETTO GIRLS STATE AND TO WISH HER WELL IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Ashley Stone of Columbia was selected to represent Dreher High School as a 2015 delegate to Palmetto Girls State; and

Whereas, organized and administered by the South Carolina Department of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1947, Palmetto Girls State is a leadership and citizenship training program created to further educate outstanding high school students about state and local government. The delegates, all rising seniors in high school, experience governmental procedure by simulating political campaigns, elections, and the legislative process and learn about the principles of citizenship and civil service from guest speakers, expert panels, and a service project; and

Whereas, delegates are selected for the program based on the leadership skills and involvement they have shown in their respective schools and communities; and

Whereas, Ashley Stone clearly has demonstrated the necessary leadership and service qualities for selection to Palmetto Girls State. Born and raised in Columbia, she loved, and excelled at, Shandon United Methodist Preschool, Meadowfield Elementary School, and Hand Middle School. She is actively involved in Shandon Baptist Church Youth and Vacation Bible School, as well as Young Life. Ashley also sings in the Shandon United Methodist Church Youth Choir and has participated in mission trips to Nicaragua, Tennessee, Hollywood (South Carolina), and with Salkehatchie Summer Service; and

Whereas, at Dreher High, she is a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club, a three‑year member of the varsity soccer and volleyball teams, and a former member of the FCA/Bible Club (2012‑2013). Ashley’s artistic skills have won her numerous art awards, among them Best of Show at the 2014 State Fair, 2014 Judges Choice in Richland One, and, in 2015, first place in Visual Arts in Richland One; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing Ashley Stone on her selection to Palmetto Girls State and extends best wishes to her as she approaches the completion of her high school career. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Ashley Stone of Columbia on her selection as a 2015 delegate to Palmetto Girls State and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ashley Stone.

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