**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE KARENA GRIFFIN 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 Karena Griffin 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 Karena Griffin clearly has demonstrated the necessary leadership and service qualities for selection to Palmetto Girls State; and

Whereas, as a young woman of faith, she is a member of True Believers Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, where she sings in the church’s Youth Choir and Mass Choir; and

Whereas, before entering Dreher High, Karena attended Rosewood Elementary School and Hand Middle School. Very active at Dreher, she participates in activities ranging from cheerleading to dance, Dreher High School Student Council to National Honor Society. Further, during the 2014‑2015 school year, she has served as District Four vice chair for SCASC (Student Council Association of South Carolina). After high school graduation, Karena plans to attend the College of Charleston or Winthrop University as the first step toward achieving one of her life goals, serving as a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing Karena Griffin 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 Karena Griffin 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 Karena Griffin.

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