**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND V. HOPE RADEBAUGH, A MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AT PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN SUMMERVILLE, FOR HER COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives recognizes educators who approach teaching with passion, creativity, faith, and infectious enthusiasm, along with appropriate academic preparation for their fields; and

Whereas, Hope Radebaugh graduated from Elizabethton High School in Elizabethton, Tennessee, where she was president of her student body and a recipient of the Medal of Honor; and

Whereas, in December 1987, she earned a bachelor’s degree in science education cum laude from East Tennessee State University, and by May 1989, she had earned a master’s degree in natural sciences education, from Converse College in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, Mrs. Radebaugh embarked on her career in 1989, teaching science at Northwest Middle School in Greenville for two years, where she was the recipient of a science grant and was a nominee for Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, she served as a part‑time biology instructor at Greenville Technical College from 1992 to 1994 and at Midlands Technical College from 1994 to 1997; and

Whereas, from 2001 to 2002, Mrs. Radebaugh was a part‑time eighth grade science instructor at Westminster Catawba Christian School in Rock Hill, and from 2002 to 2004, she served the Columbia and Rock Hill homeschool communities as a science lab instructor; and

Whereas, before joining Pinewood Preparatory School, she served as a fifth and sixth grade science lab instructor at Perrine Baptist Academy in Miami, Florida, for a year and as the freshman biology teacher and senior world philosophy teacher at Northwood Academy in Charleston for six years; and

Whereas, an active learner herself, Mrs. Radebaugh exudes her enthusiasm for science through such lessons as Invention Convention, Pet Day, and Volcano Project, and has encouraged students to interact with their learning at Pinewood Preparatory School for the past three years; and

Whereas, she and her family are committed to the collective mission of Pinewood Preparatory School and promote the values of the independent school family in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA); and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, with great admiration and appreciation, is pleased to honor this exceptional educator, Hope Radebaugh, as the 2015 SCISA Teacher of the Year, and the members join with her colleagues, students, family, and friends in congratulating her for receiving this accolade. 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 commend V. Hope Radebaugh, a middle school science teacher at Pinewood Preparatory School in Summerville, for her commitment to providing quality education for the children of South Carolina and congratulate her upon being named the 2015 Teacher of the Year for the South Carolina Independent School Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to V. Hope Radebaugh.

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