**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FOR ITS EXEMPLARY STANDARDS IN EDUCATION AND TO CONGRATULATE JEFFERSON’S STUDENTS, PARENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION ON THE SCHOOL’S RECEIVING THE COVETED PALMETTO GOLD AND PALMETTO SILVER AWARDS FOR 2014‑2015.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Jefferson Elementary School has been presented the Palmetto Gold Award in the General Performance category and the Palmetto Silver Award in the Closing the Achievement Gap category, both for 2014‑2015; and

Whereas, each year the South Carolina Department of Education rewards state schools that have attained high levels of absolute performance, reached high rates of growth, and made substantial progress in closing the achievement gap between disaggregated groups. These outstanding schools are designated Palmetto Gold Award and Palmetto Silver Award recipients; and

Whereas, basing their selections on the absolute and growth ratings assigned to each South Carolina school, the South Carolina Department of Education has granted prestigious Palmetto Gold and Silver honors to 533 high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools in the State for 2014‑2015; and

Whereas, thanks to the hard work of students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration, Jefferson Elementary School has captured the Palmetto Gold Award and the Palmetto Silver Award and has demonstrated what can be accomplished when all stakeholders have high expectations and strive to help students reach the full measure of their talents and skills; and

Whereas, in formal recognition of Jefferson Elementary and the other award‑winning schools, the South Carolina Department of Education sends a certificate and a “Palmetto Award Winner” flag for posting in front of the school; and

Whereas, fully expecting continued academic excellence from this standout school, the South Carolina House of Representatives is proud to applaud the fine educational achievement of 2014‑2015 Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver winner Jefferson Elementary School. 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 Jefferson Elementary School of Chesterfield County for its exemplary standards in education and congratulate Jefferson’s students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration on the school’s receiving the coveted Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver awards for 2014‑2015.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Wendy Folsom of Jefferson Elementary School.

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