**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Ruby Elementary School has been presented a Palmetto Gold Award in the General Performance category 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, Ruby Elementary School has captured a Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance 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 Ruby 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 winner Ruby 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 Ruby Elementary School of Chesterfield County for its exemplary standards in education and congratulate Ruby’s students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration on the school’s receiving a coveted Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance for 2014‑2015.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Nelson Hendrick of Ruby Elementary School.

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