**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ERIN MORAN FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL POISE, TALENT, AND BEAUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING CHOSEN AS THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA ROSE OF TRALEE TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL ROSE OF TRALEE FESTIVAL IN IRELAND.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Erin Moran, the weekend weather anchor at WBTW News13 in Myrtle Beach, was chosen at Ocean Creek Resorts on April 9, 2016, as the 2016 South Carolina Rose of Tralee and will represent the Palmetto State at the Rose of Tralee Festival in Ireland; and

Whereas, Erin Moran is one of over sixty Rose entrants chosen, each of whom will represent her centre at the 2016 International Rose of Tralee Festival in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, from August 17 through 23. All Roses from around the Irish global community will be in Ireland beginning August 12, 2016; and

Whereas, the international event, which is held annually and celebrated in Irish communities around the world, was inspired by a nineteenth‑century ballad about a woman named Mary and known as the Rose of Tralee because of her beauty. Originally an annual town event, the festival was discontinued in the wake of post‑war emigration but in 1957 was resurrected in Tralee, complete with a Carnival Queen; and

Whereas, Erin Moran grew up in the Boston area, the second of five children, and because she has always intended on having a career in broadcasting, she has allowed the job to dictate where she lives. Her career has brought her to South Carolina after stops in Massachusetts, New York, and North Carolina; and

Whereas, currently pursuing her Broadcast Meteorology Certificate through Mississippi State University, Ms. Moran is the second Rose to be chosen from South Carolina in the fifty‑seven years since the festival resumed; and

Whereas, she earned a bachelor’s degree in communication from Westfield State University in western Massachusetts and expects to graduate from the certificate program in the summer of 2017; and

Whereas, besides working fulltime and juggling meteorology classes, Ms. Moran volunteers as a mentor with the Boys and Girls Club of the Grand Strand; and

Whereas, as the proud mother of a one‑year‑old Labrador retriever named Nala, she also spends a lot of time at community dog parks and at the beach trying to tire her pup out; and

Whereas, the Moran family’s strong sense of pride in their Irish heritage harkens back to their ancestors from County Cork and County Mayo, Ireland, and Erin often argues with her siblings over whose name is most Irish. She likes to think she always wins that argument; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates this “Rose of the Summer” for representing the Palmetto State in Ireland, and expect her to win the judges with “not her beauty alone,” but with “the truth in her eyes,” as well. 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 Erin Moran for her exceptional poise, talent, and beauty and congratulate her for being chosen as the 2016 South Carolina Rose of Tralee to represent the Palmetto State at the International Rose of Tralee Festival in Ireland.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Erin Moran.

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