**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE CROSSROADS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HONORS ORCHESTRA OF COLUMBIA AND ITS OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR, CAROL MURRAY, FOR A SUPERB PERFORMING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING FIRST PLACE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY AT THE MUSIC USA FESTIVAL IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the CrossRoads Intermediate School Honors Orchestra, directed by Carol Murray, took top honors in the middle school category of the Music USA Festival, held on Friday, May 20, 2016, in Orlando, Florida; and

Whereas, at this year’s event, all three judges gave the group a superior rating; that is, out of one hundred total points, the orchestra received ninety points or higher from every judge. Further, the group has maintained its superior rating every year since the first time it competed at the festival six years ago; and

Whereas, this is also not the first time the orchestra has been recognized as the finest middle school orchestra at the Music USA Festival. The CrossRoads Intermediate School Honors Orchestra has competed in the event since the 2010‑2011 school year, and its members have packed up a first‑place trophy each year; and

Whereas, the orchestra’s skilled director, Carol Murray, began teaching orchestra at CrossRoads during the 2001‑2002 school year, and she annually grows her fledgling musicians into championship form; and

Whereas, her success in molding the CrossRoads Intermediate School Honors Orchestra is all the more praiseworthy in that the group competes with only sixth graders, whereas other groups enjoy the benefit of drawing from sixth‑ through eighth‑grade musicians; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition the musicians of the CrossRoads Intermediate School Honors Orchestra have brought to their school, their community, and the Palmetto State and anticipate with interest hearing of their continued accomplishments in days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the CrossRoads Intermediate School Honors Orchestra of Columbia and its outstanding director, Carol Murray, for a superb performing season and congratulate them for capturing first place in the middle school category at the Music USA Festival in Orlando, Florida.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jess Hutchinson, principal, and Carol Murray, orchestra director, of CrossRoads Intermediate School.

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