**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHERRY P. CARIENS, PRINCIPAL OF OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR HER YEARS AS AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were delighted to learn that Sherry P. Cariens received the 2016 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year Award from the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA); and

Whereas, Sherry P. Cariens, Principal of Oak Grove Elementary School in Lexington County has dedicated herself to making a significant difference in the lives of the Oak Grove family; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cariens was selected as the 2016 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA); and

Whereas, nominated by the Lexington School District One Senior Leadership Team, Mrs. Cariens was chosen as a finalist on the basis of the exceptional record indicated in her application; and

Whereas, she was interviewed by a panel of judges, and her selection as the recipient of this prestigious award was announced on November 30, 2015; and

Whereas, every year three remarkable South Carolina principals are selected for this honor, one each at the elementary, middle, and high school level, and recipients compete for national honors through the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) or National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP); and

Whereas, applicants for the South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year must have served as an elementary principal for five or more years and must be a member of SCASA at the time of selection for the award; and

Whereas, after serving as a principal at Lexington Intermediate School, Mrs. Cariens became a principal at Oak Grove Elementary, where she has served to mold young lives for six years; and

Whereas, honored as the Joseph Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year in 2014, the beloved administrator is known for her outstanding leadership, endless encouragement, and caring heart towards staff, students, and parents alike making her the ideal recipient of such honors; and

Whereas, for her devoted service to the students at Oak Grove Elementary School, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge Sherry Cariens and to commend her selection as the 2016 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sherry P. Cariens, principal of Oak Grove Elementary School, for her years as an outstanding educator in the Palmetto State, and congratulate her for being named the 2016 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sherry P. Cariens.

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