**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VANESSA MARTIN AND SHANNON TAYLOR, FACULTY ADVISORS FOR THE FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND THE BETA CLUB MEMBERS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL YEAR OF GROWTH AND SUCCESS.

Whereas, for the past several years, Vanessa Martin and Shannon Taylor have worked tirelessly to make some very specific and significant improvements in the Fairfield Central High School Beta Club; and

Whereas, as advisors for the school’s Beta Club, they set strategic goals which they felt they could achieve: encourage student leadership of the campus Beta Club, increase club membership, win first place in a Beta Club competition, and prepare a student for statewide office in the Beta Club; and

Whereas, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Taylor set about to give responsibility for the club to the student members, who are eligible to join the club based on their academic success; and

Whereas, during the 79th Annual South Carolina Senior Beta Club Convention in Myrtle Beach, the Fairfield Central Griffins doubly achieved their goal of placing first in a competition. They garnered first place in state competition in both the Show Choir led by Mr. Thessalonia Graham and in the Banner Competition led by Ms. Ciera Cyrus; they enjoyed the added honor of Jamara Green placing third in the Oratory Competition; and

Whereas, the weekend convention brought the realization of another one of their goals when Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Taylor were presented with an honorary Gold Key Award to recognize Fairfield Central for more than a ten percent increase in membership during the 2016‑2017 school year; and

Whereas, the coup de grace for the Fairfield Central Beta Club came when student member Lamar Richards was announced the winner for the statewide office of president of the Beta Club; and

Whereas, Lamar Richards will represent Fairfield Central High School, Fairfield County, the Midlands, and the State of South Carolina as the presiding leader eligible for a national campaign this coming summer. The entire Beta Club has been invited to attend the national competition this summer in Orlando, Florida; and

Whereas, the Fairfield Central Beta Club members have given resounding credence to the school’s motto: “Soaring to Greatness: Griffins Believe, Griffins Succeed, Griffins Achieve”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the pride and recognition that the scholars of the Fairfield Central Beta Club have brought to their school, to their community, and to our great State, and the members look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Vanessa Martin and Shannon Taylor, faculty advisors for the Fairfield Central High School Beta Club, and congratulate them and the Beta Club members for their exceptional year of growth and success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Vanessa Martin and Shannon Taylor.

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