**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LAMAR RICHARDS, A SOPHOMORE AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENIOR BETA CLUB.

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to learn that Lamar Richards was elected president of the state’s Beta Club at the 79th Annual South Carolina Senior Beta Club Convention in Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, a native of Fairfield County, Lamar Richards is the son of Alexis Richards and Lamar Richards, Sr., and he attended Fairfield Magnet School for Mathematics and Science and Fairfield Middle School, and he is currently a sophomore at Fairfield Central High School (FCHS); and

Whereas, as South Carolina’s Beta Club president, he will represent Fairfield Central High School, Fairfield County, the Midlands, and the State of South Carolina as the presiding leader and will be eligible for a national campaign this coming summer; and

Whereas, looking ahead he plans to increase the population of Beta Club membership by bringing Beta Club organizations to schools that currently do not have a program; and

Whereas, Beta Club members are chosen based on academic excellence, and Lamar Richards encourages them to lead by example and to expand their hours of community service; and

Whereas, at home he is an active member of The Church of God in Winnsboro and currently serves as the sophomore class president and the FCHS Beta Club secretary and is a member of the Fairfield County District Honors Chorus, the FCHS Prom Committee, FCHS Pageant Committee, NAACP, The African American Education Consortium, and the STEM Early College Academy Dual Enrollment program; and

Whereas, a distinguished student who contributes creative leadership in the classroom as well as in the community, Lamar Richards maintains a 4.652 GPA and ranks sixth in his class of one hundred ninety students at FCHS; and

Whereas, he has campaigned for voter registration programs for seniors across the State, and he personally hopes to hold political offices throughout his adult life, eventually ending in a run for President of the United States; and

Whereas, Lamar Richards’ academic career aspirations include attending Harvard University to complete a double major in psychology and biology and matriculating into Harvard Medical School to earn a medical degree; and

Whereas, his career ambition is to become a neurosurgeon specializing in psychological illnesses; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly value the pride and recognition that Lamar Richards has brought to his school and to the Palmetto State and expect to learn of his continuing achievements in the future. 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 Lamar Richards, a sophomore at Fairfield Central High School, and congratulate him for being named president of the South Carolina Senior Beta Club.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lamar Richards.

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