**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CHARLESTON NATIVE CYRUS BIRCH III FOR HIS MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND FOR HIS ROLE AS A STUNT PERFORMER IN MARVEL STUDIO’S *THE BLACK PANTHER*.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor Cyrus Birch III, a dropout‑prevention specialist in Colleton County and a “stunt man” in *The Black Panther*; and

Whereas, the second of three children born to Cyrus Birch, Jr., and Ethel Birch, Cyrus Birch III attended Middleton High School, now West Ashley High School, lettering in basketball all four years of his high school career; and

Whereas, he earned full basketball scholarships to Spartanburg Methodist College, where he earned an associate’s degree in computer science, and the University of North Carolina, where he successfully completed the requirements for a bachelor’s degree in that field in 2002; and

Whereas, in 2016, Mr. Birch earned a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Webster University and hopes to pursue a doctorate in public service leadership; and

Whereas, for almost twelve years, he has served as a dropout‑prevention coordinator, a behavioral interventionist, and a youth advocate at Colleton County High School in Walterboro; and

Whereas, Mr. Birch is the president of Roses in Concrete (RIC), a nonprofit organization that seeks to empower youth through leadership and career development, through setting goals for post‑secondary education, and through sports, specifically basketball; and

Whereas, two years ago, he began modeling and acting, and he became a stunt performer in the cast of what is presently the largest box‑office movie in the world, Marvel Studio’s *The Black Panther*; and

Whereas, the role that Mr. Birch portrays in *The Black Panther* is that of an African warrior of the Jabari tribe led by M’baku; and

Whereas, he uses the platform this role has provided him to encourage young people to find their purpose and pursue their dreams with reckless abandon; and

Whereas, Mr. Birch seeks to live by his own motto: “Find out what frustrates you, because your greatest frustration is what you have been placed on this earth to help solve”; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina values the outstanding service that Cyrus Birch provides to young people in his community, and the members are grateful for the recognition he has brought to our State through his role in *The Black Panther*. 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 commend Charleston native Cyrus Birch III for his meaningful contributions to young people in the Palmetto State and for his role as a stunt performer in Marvel Studio’s *The Black Panther*.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cyrus Birch III.

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