**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND PAIGE BOWSER AND HER COMPANY, BREEZY QUARTERS OF ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON BEING NAMED A WINNER OF THE 2018 AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPIONSHIP BY SCORE AND TO WISH HER AND HER BUSINESS MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Whereas, local Abbeville businesswoman Paige Bowser and her company, Breezy Quarters, have been named a winner of the 2018 American Small Business Championship by SCORE, the nation’s largest network of volunteer expert business mentors. This title was awarded to one hundred two entrepreneurs for their dedication to the success of their small businesses, earning them an all‑expense‑paid trip to a training and networking event, SCORE mentoring and publicity throughout the year, and a chance to win one of three fifteen thousand dollar grand prizes; and

Whereas, Paige Bowser and her company, Breezy Quarters, earned the title of American Small Business Champion by submitting an online application describing what makes her business one of the best small businesses in her community, and how she plans to use the prizes to grow her business. Nominations that garnered at least one hundred votes were then presented to a judging panel of small business experts that determined one hundred two winners; and

Whereas, Breezy Quarters handcrafts bath products like soap, lotion, lip balm, bath bombs, and soy candles. Ms. Bowser began her business at home and sold products at farmers markets and craft shows across the Carolinas before opening the brick and mortar store in September 2016. With only one employee, Paige Bowser hopes to grow the business by increasing awareness of the Abbeville store, increasing online sales, and getting their No Melt Lip Balms into other stores to ensure that they can continue to live the American Dream and be a fixture in the community. Paige dreams of offering more jobs and, one day, owning one of the buildings on the Historic Abbeville Square; and

Whereas, Breezy Quarters has been honored to be selected as Business of the Year in 2017 by WCTEL, is a member of the Handcrafted Soap and Cosmetics Guild, and a certified advanced soap maker. Breezy Quarters donates soap to the Abbeville Food Bank several times a year, as well as to many school, civic, and religious organizations, and is a big advocate for music education in schools; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of South Carolina are grateful for the efforts Breezy Quarters has made in driving our State’s economy and wish the business much success in the future. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and commend Paige Bowser and her company, Breezy Quarters of Abbeville, South Carolina, on being named a winner of the 2018 American Small Business Championship by SCORE and wish her and her business much continued success.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Paige Bowser.

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