**A**  **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LAUREN ALEXIS GERGICK OF BERKELEY COUNTY UPON HER GRADUATION AS VALEDICTORIAN FROM STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Lauren Gergick has brought laudable recognition to Stratford High School and to her community through her numerous academic and civic accomplishments; and

Whereas, accepting the personal challenge of taking a wide spectrum of honors and advanced-placement (AP) courses all through her high school career, she also worked on the staff of *Excalibur*, the school’s yearbook, for three of those years; and

Whereas, a member and president of the Art Club and a member of the Beta Club and Junior Board, Lauren’s considerable extracurricular activities have included serving as president of the National Art Honor Society, coaching recreational soccer for Goose Creek, and working part time at China Gourmet, a new local business; and

Whereas, a four-time honoree of the Breakfast of Champions, she currently has artwork on display in several art shows in the Lowcountry and earned a coveted summer internship at the prestigious Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Center (SPAWAR); and

Whereas, Lauren demonstrated her scholastic ability when recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. The scholarship recipients for this award are chosen from a field of the top ten percent of juniors who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and are awarded only to one-half of one percent of college-bound students in each state; and

Whereas, once a junior marshal and junior scholar, she will lead the 2018 Stratford High School graduates as their valedictorian, having accrued higher than a 5.0 weighted grade-point average (GPA); and

Whereas, Lauren has earned more than two hundred thousand dollars in college scholarships, including Palmetto Fellows, Carolina Scholar, Clemson Scholar, and Presidential Scholar; and

Whereas, her choice for her college career is the University of South Carolina Honors College where she plans to major in mechanical engineering with a career goal of becoming an imagineer for Walt Disney theme parks; and

Whereas, students like Lauren Gergick lend promise to the continued prosperity and greatness of the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the academic and other accomplishments that Lauren Alexis Gergick has brought to her school, community, and the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives congratulate and honor Lauren Alexis Gergick of Berkeley County upon her graduation as valedictorian from Stratford High School and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lauren Alexis Gergick.

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