**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAROLYN JOHNSON STYLES, PRINCIPAL OF SKYLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Dr. Carolyn Johnson Styles will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty‑two years as an exemplary educator, the last twenty‑three of which have been as the highly‑regarded principal of Skyland Elementary School in Greer; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Carolyn Styles earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Erskine College in 1984, and pursued graduate studies at Furman University, where she earned a master’s degree in elementary education in 1988, and a master’s in elementary administration in 1992. In 2010, she earned a doctorate in educational leadership from South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Styles began her career in education as a teacher at Tigerville Elementary School in Greenville County, and after a year at that school she transferred to Skyland Elementary School and has been there ever since. She was honored as the Skyland Teacher of the Year in 1992 and 1995, and the Science Teacher of the Year for 1993‑1994; and

Whereas, in 1996 Dr. Styles was named the principal of Skyland, which under her leadership has garnered substantial recognition for its success, including recognition as a Palmetto Gold School in 2004 and 2005, and every year from 2009 through 2017. In 2017, Skyland was chosen as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and was one of only four schools nationally to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon Showcase School; and

Whereas, Dr. Styles has ardently served her profession as a Greenville County Schools’ principal‑intern trainer, principal mentor, and principal cluster leader and on the Education Advisory Council of North Greenville University and as a principal representative on the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government. She also has been a presenter for numerous principal professional development sessions; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Dr. Carolyn Styles has devoted to educating our most valuable resource and our future leaders, and the members wish her many years of enjoyment in her well‑earned retirement. 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 honor Dr. Carolyn Johnson Styles, Principal of Skyland Elementary School, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty‑two years of outstanding service as an educator, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Carolyn Johnson Styles.

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