**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. MICHAEL LOFTON, PRINCIPAL AT SPRING HILL HIGH SCHOOL IN CHAPIN, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA SECONDARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Dr. Michael Lofton has been named the 2019 South Carolina Secondary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA); and

Whereas, prerequisites for the award include that, as a member of SCASA and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the candidate must have served at one or more middle level or high schools for three complete years or longer as a principal; and

Whereas, Dr. Lofton was hired to be principal of Spring Hill High School for 2012‑2013 and was given one year to oversee the construction of the school, hire all staff, recruit all students, and develop relevant curriculum; and

Whereas, when the school opened in August 2013, Spring Hill had five hundred sixty students in the ninth and tenth grades, and now in the sixth year of educating students, there are one thousand fifty students enrolled with a waiting list to attend; and

Whereas, under Dr. Lofton’s leadership, Spring Hill High School was ranked number seventy of Top 100 Best High Schools in the nation by Thebestschools.org, as the number‑three Best High School in South Carolina by *US News & World Report*, and the number two Best Magnet School in South Carolina by Niche.com; and

Whereas, for three consecutive years, Spring Hill has been awarded the National Merit Award ‑ School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America; and.

Whereas, in 2018, Dr. Lofton’s leadership as an educator was recognized when he was named the National Magnet Principal of the Year and the Region IV Magnet Principal of the Year; and

Whereas, he was honored with the Superintendent’s Award for Outstanding Vision for Lexington/Richland Five in 2018 and with the Superintendent’s Award for Outstanding Leadership for Lexington/Richland Five in 2012; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the substantial contributions that Michael Lofton has made to educating the youth of this great State, our most precious natural resource, and the members expect to hear of his continued success on behalf of the students at Spring Hill High School in the days to come. 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. Michael Lofton, Principal at Spring Hill High School in Chapin, and congratulate him upon being named the 2019 South Carolina Secondary Principal of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Michael Lofton.

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