**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE GOOSE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR LAUREN JAMES ON BEING NAMED A GOLD‑MEDAL WINNER IN THE 2019 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS NATIONAL COMPETITION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that on March 13, 2019, Lauren James of Goose Creek High School was named a gold medalist in the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards national competition; and

Whereas, nearly 340,000 pieces of writing and art were submitted to the prestigious competition this year. Of these, fewer than one percent were recognized with a gold medal, officially termed a Gold Key, the competition’s highest award; and

Whereas, Lauren, a creative‑writing student at Goose Creek High School’s Berkeley Center for the Arts (BCA), earned one of those coveted Gold Keys; and

Whereas, the BCA junior’s winning submission was a poem titled “To Be Purely Happy”; and

Whereas, on June 6, 2019, during a week‑long celebration in New York City, Lauren will walk Carnegie Hall’s stage at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards national ceremony to receive her award; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that Lauren James has brought to her school and community, and the members look to hear of her continued accomplishments 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 congratulate Goose Creek High School junior Lauren James on being named a gold‑medal winner in the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards national competition.

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

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