**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA ELECTIVE CLASS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2018 AND 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION’S STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2018 AND 2019 FESTIVAL CROWNS AS SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Cambridge Academy high school drama elective class’s one‑act play, “Body, Body,” captured first place in the 2018 South Carolina Independent School Association’s (SCISA’s) state drama festival and competition, held at the Sumter Opera House. The House is also delighted to hear that the group earned the same coveted prize at the 2019 edition of the festival with their one‑act play, “Fortress,” and that, further, the Cambridge Academy players were named the festival’s South Carolina state champions both years; and

Whereas, under the direction of Cambridge drama teacher Ryan S. Hewitt and his assistant director, Anna Lethco, these talented teenagers spent many hours rehearsing and perfecting all the details of their production, and their stellar performance gave clear proof of disciplined preparatory work; and

Whereas, now in its seventh year, Cambridge’s drama program has sent at least one of its drama teams (either middle school or high school) to state every year; and

Whereas, competition plays at the regional and state levels must be no longer than thirty minutes and must meet certain content criteria. In addition, each set has to fit within a four‑by‑five‑foot space, and costumes and sets must be minimal; and

Whereas, on January 9, 2020, both the middle school drama elective class and the high school drama elective class presented the one‑act plays they performed in 2019 SCISA competitions. The middle school performed “Appropriate Audience Behavior,” and the high school performed “Fortress.” Proceeds will support the school’s middle and high school musical production of Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast JR.*, to be produced March 19‑20, 2020, at Greenwood Community Theatre; and

Whereas, the members of the House join in saluting these gifted young people for their praiseworthy accomplishments and in wishing them continued success in the days to come‑‑or, to use the proper terminology, break a leg, Cambridge Academy thespians! 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 the members of the Cambridge Academy high school drama elective class for their outstanding performance at the 2018 and 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association’s state drama festival and competition and congratulate them on winning the 2018 and 2019 festival crowns as South Carolina state champions.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Lori Anne Tunstall Hagood and Director Ryan S. Hewitt of Cambridge Academy.

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