**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JESSICA PATTERSON, PRINCIPAL OF CHASTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR HER YEARS AS AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED THE 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were delighted to learn that on December 4, 2019, Jessica Patterson was announced as the 2020 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, every year, three remarkable South Carolina principals are selected for Principal of the Year honors, one each at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and recipients compete for national honors through the National Association of Secondary School Principals or National Association of Elementary School Principals; and

Whereas, a visionary leader whose dedication to the students, teachers, and community creates a positive climate and culture for students to succeed, Jessica Patterson has been an educator for sixteen years and principal of Chastain Road Elementary in Pickens County for six years; and

Whereas, Pickens County Superintendent Dr. Danny Merck gives a full meed of praise to Mrs. Patterson for her fine service: “She has led the charge to bring 3K and Montessori classes to her community, and she has been a steady influence as we begin to transition our Liberty‑area schools to a primary and intermediate school model. In the midst of changes, she has guided her Title 1 school to an ‘Excellent’ report card rating and a Palmetto Silver Award. Her leadership has made a lasting impact on the Liberty community”; and

Whereas, for her devoted service to the students at Chastain Road Elementary School, the members of the House are pleased to salute Jessica Patterson and to commend her selection as the 2020 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year. 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 Jessica Patterson, principal of Chastain Road Elementary School, for her years as an outstanding educator in the Palmetto State and congratulate her on being named the 2020 South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jessica Patterson.

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