**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON’S MORGAN NICHOLS, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2019, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Morgan Nichols, named Miss South Carolina 2019, is serving as an excellent ambassador for the Palmetto State during her reign; and

Whereas, possessing both talent and intelligence, Ms. Nichols was crowned Miss South Carolina in the finals of the competition held at the historic Township Auditorium in Columbia on Saturday, June 29, 2019; and

Whereas, at the national competition she was awarded the Overall Fundraiser for the Children’s Miracle Network, the Overall STEM Academic Scholarship, and second place in the Social Impact Initiative Award, bringing her overall scholarship earnings this year to more than eighty‑four thousand dollars; and

Whereas, a recent summa cum laude graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor’s degree in genetics and a minor in business administration, Ms. Nichols found her true passion for the Life Science Industry while interning for a major pharmaceutical manufacturing company for two years; and

Whereas, she is grateful for the opportunity her title is giving her to advocate, especially for her social impact initiative of Stronger with STEM: developing a 21st century STEM workforce; and

Whereas, during her reign, Ms. Nichols has provided a gracious and graceful role model that represents the combined qualities of intellect, talent, loveliness, and charm admired by all who know her; and

Whereas, after completing her year of service with the Miss America Organization to perform her duties as Miss South Carolina, she plans to pursue a master’s degree in business administration while continuing to grow her career in the biotechnology industry; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing such an outstanding young woman and representative of this great State as Morgan Nichols, and the members wish her well as she continues her reign and pursues her dreams in the years 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, congratulate Morgan Nichols, Miss South Carolina 2019, and commend the exceptional discipline, aspirations, and talent that have enabled her to represent the Palmetto State with dignity and poise.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Morgan Nichols.

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