**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHERS WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE FUTURE AND WELL‑BEING OF OUR STUDENTS, TO RECOGNIZE MAY 6 THROUGH 10, 2019, AS “TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK,” AND TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES IN THE PALMETTO STATE TO HONOR THE NUMEROUS, VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR STATE’S OUTSTANDING TEACHERS.

Whereas, the success of our children and communities and the prosperity of our State and nation are significantly influenced by the exemplary teachers throughout South Carolina who dedicate their talents and minds to helping ensure that our schools and our young people excel; and

Whereas, the knowledge, support, and skills our teachers provide students will positively impact generations for years to come; and

Whereas, South Carolina teachers challenge students to meet academic standards, while also teaching them to apply what they learn utilizing critical thinking and problem solving; and

Whereas, in our complex and rapidly changing economy, teachers lay a foundation for success by aiding in the development of the students’ creative thinking, collaboration, and communication skills; and

Whereas, the Palmetto State’s teachers dedicate countless hours to ensuring their students’ academic, social, and emotional well‑being; and

Whereas, striving to instill within their students a lifelong love of learning, teachers encourage their charges to achieve their goals while recognizing that each student has unique strengths and needs; and

Whereas, South Carolina teachers, through their service as mentors, coaches, and club sponsors, model good citizenship and encourage students to contribute to their communities; and

Whereas, it is paramount that teachers be recognized for their dedication and commitment to the education of our children. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express sincere gratitude to all South Carolina teachers who enthusiastically dedicate themselves to the future and well‑being of our students, recognize May 6 through 10, 2019, as “Teacher Appreciation Week,” and encourage schools and communities in the Palmetto State to honor the numerous, vital contributions of our State’s outstanding teachers.

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