**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. MARCELLA SHAW FOR BEING NAMED THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AND TO THANK HER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND EDUCATION SYSTEM EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Dr. Marcella Shaw for being named the 2023 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year; and

Whereas, Dr. Shaw earned her Doctor of Education in Administration from South Carolina State University, her Master of Education from Cambridge College, and her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; and

Whereas, Dr. Shaw is an active member of the SCASA Superintendents’ Affiliate. She has served as Program Chair for the Innovative Ideas Institute and is currently serving on the Superintendents’ Executive Committee; and

Whereas, she is also a member of the South Carolina High School League, the South Carolina Alliance for Black School Educators, and the School Superintendents Association; and

Whereas, Dr. Shaw’s school district is home to three schools and over seven hundred scholars. Under her leadership, two of the district’s school report card rankings went from “Unsatisfactory” to “Good” and “Excellent”; and

Whereas, a leader in her profession, Dr. Shaw leads with integrity and strives to provide the best education for every scholar. She has served as the superintendent of Williston School District, the Chief Instructional Officer of Lexington School District Two, the Director of Elementary Education of Lexington School District Two, the Principal of Claude A. Taylor Elementary School, the Assistant Principal of Davis Elementary School, and a Teacher Specialist and Literacy Coach with the South Carolina Department of Education; and

Whereas, Dr. Shaw has shared her knowledge and experience by presenting at the Carolina Collaborative Alternative Preparation Program, the South Carolina School Board Association, the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators, the University of South Carolina Educational Leadership and Policy Program Superintendent Advisory Committee, and the Center for Executive Leadership; and

Whereas, also a leader in her community, Dr. Shaw has served as SANKA’s Blessing Box Hampton County Coordinator, a No Ordinary Woman 2.0 board member, the Bing Family Scholarship Co-Chair, an Avery Thompson Widow’s Ministry Contributor, a 100 Suits for 100 Men Volunteer, and a Barnwell Rotary Club member; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the passion and dedication that Dr. Shaw has shown in serving the students, teachers, education system staff, and the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Marcella Shaw for being named the 2023 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Marcella Shaw.

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