**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FAIRFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATING STUDENTS AND TO PRAISE THE ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science, located in the heart of Winnsboro, has received the prestigious honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2022; and

Whereas, the United States Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona announced that two hundred ninety‑seven winners were recognized from across the country in 2022, two hundred seventy‑three public schools and twenty‑four private schools, all of which will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, D. C., in November; and

Whereas, nominated by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, only five schools in the Palmetto State received this prestigious national award for 2022; and

Whereas, National Blue Ribbon awards recognize schools in one of two categories: Exemplary High Performing Schools or Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools. Fairfield Magnet School was nominated as an Exemplary High Performing School, indicating it to be among the state’s highest achieving schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests; and

Whereas, the school’s mission of cultivating excellence in education permeates the school as students in grades prekindergarten through sixth experience other curriculums outside the general classroom through fine arts classes and opportunities to join honors chorus, dance team, honors art club, band, orchestra, and drumline; and

Whereas, in addition to the National Blue Ribbon award, Fairfield Magnet School was named one of Palmetto’s Finest Schools for the 2013‑2014 School Year, and consistently demonstrates exceptional academic achievement and student progress. Since 2011, the school’s annual state test scores in reading and math have been exemplary, earning the Palmetto Gold designation by the State Department of Education; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in affirming Fairfield Magnet School’s place as an exemplar of all that is good and positive in public education in the Palmetto State, and joins the Fairfield community in congratulating the school on this, its latest achievement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate congratulate Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science for its outstanding achievements in educating students and praise the administrators, faculty, students, and parents for being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Gale Whitfield, principal of Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science.

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