**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AMY CHUA ON BEING NAMED 2020‑2021 SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND TO THANK HER FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Amy Chua has been named Sumter School District Teacher of the Year for 2020‑2021; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, in 2014 Amy earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from the University of South Carolina Upstate. Since that time, she has received the South Carolina Department of Education’s Read to Succeed endorsement and Converse College’s Gifted and Talented endorsement; and

Whereas, a third‑grade teacher at Alice Drive Elementary School, this native of Sumter is in her seventh year of service in the field of education. Her ultimate goal as an educator is to remain passionate, effective, and purpose‑driven for the entirety of her career and to inspire others to do the same; and

Whereas, Amy has a note on her desk that reads, “You are their teacher for one year of their life. Make it count.” She wrote this note as a first‑year teacher to remind herself that she has one chance to be the kind of teacher they need and that she must make the school year a memorable one and do her part in equipping them for their life’s journey. She does not take that responsibility lightly. For their sakes, she is committed to lifelong learning and displays willingness and courage to take risks, to “think outside the box,” in order to improve the education of her students; and

Whereas, professionally, Amy is a district cohort for National Board Certification and a member of the South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Palmetto State Teachers Association, and the National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM Nominating Committee. Further, she has served as presenter for the Sumter School District teacher in‑service “Problem‑Solving and Critical Thinking in the Elementary Classroom” (February 2020), presenter for the parent/student workshop “Math Strategies” (fall 2019), member of the STEM Advisory Board, and secretary of the School Improvement Council; and

Whereas, in addition, Amy received the 2017 Best Educator Award from *The Sumter Item* as one of its “Best of Sumter” awards; and

Whereas, Amy Chua gives back to her community in various ways. She is an active member of the local YMCA, regularly participates in fundraising events that benefit her community, and serves actively in her church, Sumter First Church of the Nazarene. Through Alice Drive Elementary, she enjoys participating in several community fundraisers to support such causes as the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the American Heart Association, Pennies for Patients, the school’s annual canned‑food drive, and its Christmas toy drive; and

Whereas, grateful for the consistent commitment and excellence as an educator that Amy Chua has bestowed on the Palmetto State, the House takes great pleasure in saluting her on receiving the prestigious Sumter School District Teacher of the Year award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Amy Chua on being named 2020‑2021 Sumter School District Teacher of the Year and thank her for her years of dedicated service as an educator.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Amy Chua.

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