**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND HENRY E. DARBY, PRINCIPAL OF NORTH CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL, FOR HIS STEADFAST DEDICATION TO THE WELL‑BEING OF HIS STUDENTS AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND IN PROVIDING FOR OTHERS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA ORDER OF THE PALMETTO.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives honor individuals who freely give of their time and their resources for the welfare of this great State’s citizenry; and

Whereas, Henry E. Darby, principal of North Charleston High School and Charleston County Council member, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, taking it upon himself to ensure that those within his community and the children within his school system have the resources necessary during this difficult time; and

Whereas, crediting the influence his mother and his personal struggles had upon his sense of generosity, Mr. Darby knows first hand the sacrifices that some students and their families make daily. Seeing the need of others, he took it upon himself to find a third job, at Walmart, on top of his existing responsibilities as principal and county council member, so that he might find a way in which he could directly impact individuals who were struggling; and

Whereas, as news of Mr. Darby’s actions began to circulate, it encouraged others to step forward to contribute toward the cause he intended to quietly champion. Walmart has provided North Charleston High School with a check of fifty thousand dollars and two crowdfunding pages devoted to the cause have raised nearly two hundred thousand dollars to benefit needy students, teachers, and families; and

Whereas, Governor McMaster, who awarded Mr. Darby with the honor stated, “Principal Darby personifies the best of South Carolina, a selfless person who goes above and beyond for others.” He also stated that “It takes more than achieving a high degree of excellence to earn the [Order of the Palmetto]…it’s meant for those who have a broad impact on others;” and

Whereas, dedicating himself to the betterment of others, Mr. Darby has been an educator and administrator for over forty years. He completed his own education and became a teacher despite many sacrifices and significant struggles to achieve the dream his mother had for him. Now, he works to ensure that the needs of those around him are met, allowing students to pursue brighter futures with less worries; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of our society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication, passion, and sacrifice of individuals like Henry E. Darby who use their many talents and resources to serve and to inspire others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize and commend Henry E. Darby, principal of North Charleston High School, for his steadfast dedication to the well‑being of his students and his willingness to go above and beyond in providing for others, and to congratulate him on being awarded the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Henry E. Darby.

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