**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE DR. DEE BELL WILLIAMS FOR HER BESTSELLER BOOK, *CULTURE‑FOCUSED TEACHING: A SIMPLE SYSTEM TO ESCAPE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT DISASTER: AND FALL IN LOVE WITH TEACHING AGAIN*, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AS THE DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFRO‑AMERICAN HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOK AWARD FOR THE EDUCATION/ACADEMIC NON‑FICTION CATEGORY.

Whereas, a native of Norway, South Carolina, Dr. Dee Bell Williams now resides in Columbia and is a global educational consultant, bestselling and award‑winning author, world‑class speaker, and transformational leader; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, Dr. Williams earned a bachelor’s degree in professional English from South Carolina State University in 2002 and a doctorate in educational leadership and administration; and

Whereas, she is a certified Clifton’s Strength Assessment Leadership Development Trainer and aids schools, corporations, and community organizations in learning and understanding their leadership strengths; and

Whereas, Dr. Williams is the owner of Dr. Dee Unlimited, LLC, a global educational consulting company, and as a recognized educational and international community influencer, she turned her nineteen‑year career as an educator into a trusted brand; and

Whereas, through writing, speaking, challenging educational policy, and creating professional development courses for educators and community leaders, Dr. Williams continues to add value to her field of expertise; and

Whereas, she has traveled throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean providing training for Culture‑Focused Teaching and has developed numerous educators through her online education and leadership courses; and

Whereas, a member of the 2021 class of the Junior League of Columbia, Dr. Williams has worked with several local, national, and international organizations over the past ten years. She is an active member of Emerge South Carolina, Emerge America, and The Talented Tenth, and she currently serves on the grant‑review committee for the Central Carolina Community Foundation; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives, is pleased to commend the dedication and extensive educational work of Dee Williams, a jewel and treasure of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize Dr. Dee Bell Williams for her bestseller book, *Culture‑Focused Teaching: A Simple System to Escape Classroom Management Disaster: And Fall in Love with Teaching Again*, and congratulate her as the distinguished recipient of the International Afro‑American Historical & Genealogical Society Book Award for the Education/Academic Non‑Fiction Category.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Dee Bell Williams.

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