**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE NORA HANSON OF COLUMBIA ON RECEIVING TWO WORLD KARATE TITLES AT THE NORTH AMERICAN SPORT KARATE ASSOCIATION’S BANQUET AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, Midlands sixth grader, Nora Hanson, was awarded two world karate titles at the North American Sport Karate Association’s (NASKA) 2021 awards banquet in Chicago, Illinois, on January 20, 2022. These awards included being named Overall Grand Champion in the 10 and 11 year‑old Girls Black Belt Sparring division and World Champion in the 11 and Under Girls Open Weight Sparring division; and

Whereas, daughter of John and Anne Marie Hanson, 12 year old Nora is a straight A student at Irmo Middle School and enjoys playing the violin and soccer when she is not training; and

Whereas, in March 2021, Nora earned her black belt in karate from Genova Family Karate in Elgin, where she has trained with Mike Genova for seven years. She is also supported by, and has trained with, many other local sport karate athletes and instructors from around the southeast; and

Whereas, during 2021, Nora competed at NASKA‑sponsored tournaments across the United States including ones in Nashville, Orlando, Atlantic City, Minneapolis, Miami, and twice in Atlanta. She earned first place in five of those tournaments and second place in the other two; and

Whereas, Nora competed in the American Karate Association Warrior Cup in Chicago and will compete in the World Association Kickboxing Organization USA National Championships in Nashville; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives pause to honor the accomplishments of this talented young South Carolinian. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Nora Hanson of Columbia on receiving two world karate titles at the North American Sport Karate Association’s banquet and wish her continued success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Nora Hanson.

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