**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FIVE TEACHERS IN THE BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2021‑2022 SCHOOL YEAR: LAINE HOLMES, A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL; MANDY LEWANDOWSKI, A MATH TEACHER AT PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL; JOSH MCCALL, AN ENGLISH TEACHER AT PHILIP SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL; BRITTNA SEABROOK, A SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT CAINHOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND CYNTHIA ZIMMERMAN, A FOURTH GRADE TEACHER AT PHILIP SIMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is deeply grateful for the dedicated teachers who daily prepare students in the Palmetto State to take a productive role as future leaders in their communities; and

Whereas, recognizing that professional teachers require special gifts to fulfill their demanding careers, it is truly remarkable for a few teachers to be noted as exceptional educators among many; and

Whereas, Laine Holmes, has been a kindergarten teacher at Daniel Island School for seventeen years, motivating her students to take ownership and responsibility for their learning while she creates structure for them with patience and flexibility; and

Whereas, Mandy Lewandowski, incorporates as many activities as possible to create fun for her high school students as she teaches math at Philip Simmons High. She is optimistic as she watches them rise to the high standards she sets for them while they build team‑work skills; and

Whereas, Josh McCall considers it a great honor to represent a school so rich in diversity and creativity as he teaches English to eighth graders at Philip Simmons Middle School and continues the school’s tradition of excellence with determination and passion; and

Whereas, Brittna Seabrook incorporates music and fun into her lessons while laying a solid foundation for the futures of her second grade students at Cainhoy Elementary School, and she is grateful that her dedicated teaching in a constantly changing and challenging profession has been appreciated; and

Whereas, Cynthia Zimmerman looks for innovative ways to help her fourth grade students at Philip Simmons Elementary learn math, science, and social studies in a personalized way and with fun by incorporating project‑based learning and STEAM instructional approaches; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the efforts of the teachers in the Berkeley County School District who focus on their students in order to make a positive impact on our youth and who continue to learn so that their students can see the joy of life‑long learning exemplified in those who teach them. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the five teachers in the Berkeley County School District who have been honored as Teacher of the Year for the 2021‑2022 school year: Laine Holmes, a kindergarten teacher at Daniel Island School; Mandy Lewandowski, a math teacher at Philip Simmons High School; Josh McCall, an English teacher at Philip Simmons Middle School; Brittna Seabrook, a second grade teacher at Cainhoy Elementary School; and Cynthia Zimmerman, a fourth grade teacher at Philip Simmons Elementary School.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Laine Holmes, Mandy Lewandowski, Josh McCall, Brittna Seabrook, and Cynthia Zimmerman.

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