**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND IN SPARTANBURG FOR ITS REMARKABLE WORK IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION BENEFITING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND WHO ARE DEAF OR BLIND OR HAVE MULTI‑SENSORY DISABILITY THROUGH ITS ON‑CAMPUS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

Whereas, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind was founded in 1849 by Reverend Newton Pinckney Walker as a private school where he and his wife, Martha Louise Hughston Walker, began teaching five deaf students; and

Whereas, originally known as Cedar Springs, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB) quickly earned the respect and support of the South Carolina Legislature and the state’s citizens, and it became a state‑supported school; and

Whereas, over the course of almost 175 years of its rich history, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind has seen sixteen superintendents and presidents who have shared a common goal to make SCSDB the leader in education and accessibility for individuals who are deaf or blind or have multi‑sensory disability; and

Whereas, Jolene Madison was appointed the sixteenth president of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in 2021, and she continues to lead the school in support of its rich history. 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 congratulate the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg for its remarkable work in the field of education benefiting students from across the entire State of South Carolina and beyond who are deaf or blind or have multi‑sensory disability through its on‑campus and outreach programs.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind.

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