**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AMY CHUA ON BEING NAMED 2020‑2021 SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND TO THANK HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Amy Chua has been named Sumter School District Teacher of the Year for 2020‑2021; and

Whereas, a native of Sumter, Amy Chua is an alumna of the University of South Carolina Upstate, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education. During her teaching career, she also earned the South Carolina Department of Education’s Read to Succeed Endorsement and Converse College’s Gifted and Talented Endorsement; and

Whereas, currently a third‑grade teacher at Alice Drive Elementary School, Ms. Chua is in her seventh year of service in the field of education. Her ultimate goal as an educator is to remain passionate, effective, and purpose‑driven for the entirety of her career. She is dedicated to being the type of teacher her students need and to equipping them for their futures; and

Whereas, a leader in her profession, Ms. Chua has been involved with many different organizations and groups, including the District Cohort for National Board Certification, South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Palmetto State Teachers Association, National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM Nominating Committee, STEM Advisory Board, and School Improvement Council. She has also given several professional presentations; and

Whereas, an active member of her community, Ms. Chua is involved with her local YMCA, regularly participates in fundraising events that benefit her community, and serves actively in her church, Sumter First Church of the Nazarene. Through Alice Drive Elementary, she enjoys participating in community fundraisers to support causes like the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the American Heart Association, Pennies for Patients, the school’s annual canned‑food drive, and its Christmas toy drive; and

Whereas, during her career, Ms. Chua has received a number of honors and awards, including the 2017 Best Educator Award from *The Sumter Item*; and

Whereas, Ms. Chua is married to her husband, Scotty, and together, they have two children, Spencer and Audrey; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for Amy Chua’s dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina and takes great pleasure in saluting her for receiving the prestigious Sumter School District Teacher of the Year award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Amy Chua on being named 2020‑2021 Sumter School District Teacher of the Year and thank her for her many years of dedicated service as an educator.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Amy Chua.

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