**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN EDUCATING STUDENTS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS FOR BEING HONORED AS A 2014 PALMETTO’S FINEST AWARD WINNER.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly are pleased to learn that Camden High School (CHS) was named as a 2014 winner of the prestigious Palmetto’s Finest award by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA); and

Whereas, one of five schools chosen as winners, CHS progressed through an intensive application process that required self‑evaluation, peer review, and on‑site examinations, and all of the award criteria were founded on student achievement; and

Whereas, part of the Kershaw County School District, Camden High School showcases its motto, “Commitment to Excellence,” in a school philosophy that permeates the classroom, the athletic program, and all extracurricular activities; and

Whereas, judges for the Palmetto’s Finest award found that the school’s test scores stand at an all‑time high, and in order to increase student engagement, CHS teachers use data‑driven instruction, mastery‑based learning, relevance, technology, school‑wide writing instruction, and common‑core transition; and

Whereas, over the past five years, CHS has donated over one hundred thousand dollars and five thousand service hours to various charities, and the mantra of “One Team, One Town, One Goal” resonates within the school and throughout the community; and

Whereas, as proof of the school’s significant success, eighty‑nine percent of Camden High’s 2013 graduating class either continued with further education or joined the military; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the consistent and noteworthy achievements of Camden High School and applauds the standard of excellence set by everyone in the school community who contributed to this honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend Camden High School for its outstanding work in educating students and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents for being honored as a 2014 Palmetto’s Finest award winner.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Daniel H. Matthews, Principal of Camden High School.

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