**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND STAFF OF SOCASTEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MYRTLE BEACH ON THEIR SCHOOL’S RECEIVING A 2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to honor Socastee Elementary School in Myrtle Beach on being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education in September 2014; and

Whereas, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes K‑12 schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing student‑achievement gaps. Socastee is among three hundred forty 2014 nationwide winners; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Principal Diane Thompson, Socastee’s administration, faculty, and staff have convincingly demonstrated their commitment to excellence. Even though Socastee has a very diverse population that brings unique challenges, its academic performance is consistently outstanding; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly salutes Socastee Elementary School on its exemplary educational success, and the members extend their appreciation for the excellence the school continues to achieve as it nurtures our most precious resource, our children. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the students, teachers, administrators, and staff of Socastee Elementary School in Myrtle Beach on their school’s receiving a 2014 National Blue Ribbon award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Diane Thompson of Socastee Elementary School.

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