**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAKAYLA STARK FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL POISE, TALENT, AND BEAUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN FOR 2016.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Makayla Stark was crowned the 2016 Miss South Carolina Teen on Friday, June 24, 2016, after four nights of competition among sixty‑one teen contestants; and

Whereas, the seventeen‑year‑old resident of Inman, the new Miss South Carolina Teen is a student at Scholars Academy at USC Upstate; and

Whereas, Makayla won in an elegant, blue‑beaded gown with a dramatic train, and for her talent portion of the competition, she performed an energetic clog to “Great Balls of Fire”; and

Whereas, after five years of competing, she was crowned Miss South Carolina Teen in this year’s pageant. She had always placed as a finalist: once as first runner‑up, twice in the top ten, and once in the top fifteen. Previously she had won preliminary awards for evening gown and on‑stage question competitions; and

Whereas, Makayla took her first walk as Miss South Carolina Teen 2016 with tears of joy, and then she was surrounded with excited fellow contestants and a myriad of South Carolina Princesses, younger girls mentored by Miss South Carolina Teen contestants during the pageant; and

Whereas, the next night, Rachel Wyatt was crowned Miss South Carolina. Both she and Makayla Stark competed with the same title, the former as Miss Clemson and the latter as Miss Clemson Teen, the first time in the pageant’s history that both winners in the same year competed with the same title; and

Whereas, during the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen pageant in Orlando in August 2016, Makayla was named the Ad Sales Winner, selling twice as many pages as the second place contestants; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the outstanding contributions that Makayla Stark is making as she represents the Palmetto State in her role as Miss South Carolina Teen 2016, and the members look to hear of her ongoing accomplishments in the future. 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 Makayla Stark for her exceptional poise, talent, and beauty and congratulate her for being named Miss South Carolina Teen for 2016.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Makayla Stark.

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