**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE BURKE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR KIMBERLY BOWMAN ON HER OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

Whereas, Kimberly Bowman, a seventeen‑year‑old senior at Burke High School in Charleston, has demonstrated leadership, determination to succeed, academic distinction, and dedication to her school and community throughout her years of precollege education; and

Whereas, using obstacles as launching pads for success, Kimberly has taken full advantage of every opportunity offered her and has striven to give back to her community. She has a passion for working with children and puts that passion into practice with the younger children in her local community center’s after‑school program. She also serves as a mentor for many young women in the community, keeping them focused on their goals and influencing them to follow their dreams and ambitions; and

Whereas, in addition, because she feels everyone should be involved in the life of his or her community, she serves as a city volunteer and assists at various city functions and ceremonies; and

Whereas, Kimberly has accrued many honors and awards and has served as a leader in a number of capacities. She received the Governor’s Citizenship Award, won the College of Charleston’s My Life as a Girl Essay Contest, earned a berth in the South Carolina Spelling Bee, served as ambassador in the Mayor’s Youth Commission, was secretary of the NAACP Charleston (South Carolina Branch Youth Council) and junior board member of the Ronald McDonald House, and she has been an honor roll student since her elementary days; and

Whereas, practicing excellence in every field of endeavor, Kimberly serves as president of the National Honor Society at Burke High School and senior representative of the Jefferson Awards Students in Action program. She is former manager for her school’s marching/concert band and served as Burke’s prom and homecoming committee chair; and

Whereas, Kimberly has capped an outstanding high school career by winning college acceptances from more than thirty schools and attracting sixteen college scholarship offers ranging from one thousand to eighty thousand dollars. She plans to double major in art and journalism to prepare for a career as a graphic journalist and to gain the necessary knowledge and experience to create her own magazine company. She has already made strides toward these goals by taking dual‑credit classes at Trident Technical College; and

Whereas, Kimberly Bowman has brought great pride to her school and community, and the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize this fine young woman’s hard work and notable accomplishments. 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 Burke High School senior Kimberly Bowman on her outstanding academic achievements and exemplary service to her school and community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Kimberly Bowman.

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