**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BRAINS TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING WIN OF THE 2012 BATTLE OF THE BRAINS COMPETITION AND TO WISH ITS MEMBERS ALL THE BEST AS THEY COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN JUNE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the Blue Ridge Middle School Battle of the Brains Team defeated Sterling School 75‑67 to win the Battle of the Brains Competition, held at Spartanburg’s Chapman Cultural Center; and

Whereas, the team tenaciously competed against an army of scholars from thirty‑six Upstate middle schools to take home the $1,000 top prize and a berth in the national competition in June; and

Whereas, now celebrating its fortieth anniversary, Battle of the Brains is a competition of seventh‑ and eighth‑grade students hosted by the program’s founder and mentor, Bill Drake of WOLT 103.3 FM Radio. The top eight teams, called the Elite 8, compete for prize money and the championship; and

Whereas, Blue Ridge’s champion Elite 8 team members are William Corbin, Campbell Davenport, Michael Matthews, Elliott Corbin, Adam Barnett, Emily Rogers, Amy Barnett, Calleigh Terry, Jake Holland, and Hayden Lines; and

Whereas, thriving under the leadership of the team’s coaches, Peggy Johnson, Andrew Batman, and Kimberly Strickland, Blue Ridge showed fans and foes alike that the Tigers were a force to be reckoned with and that they will be the team to beat in future competition; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pride in commending the young men and women of the Blue Ridge Middle School Battle of the Brains team for their remarkable achievement, and the members anticipate with interest hearing of the team’s continued successes in the years to come. 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, recognize and honor the Blue Ridge Middle School Battle of the Brains team on its outstanding win of the 2012 Battle of the Brains competition and wish its members all the best as they compete at the national level in June.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Peggy Johnson, Andrew Batman, and Kimberly Strickland, team coaches, and Principal Becky Greene of Blue Ridge Middle School.

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