**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO TEACHERS ACROSS THE PALMETTO STATE AND NATION FOR THEIR UNPARALLELED DEDICATION TO EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS AND FOR THE PROFOUND AND POSITIVE INFLUENCE THEY MAKE ON THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE AND NATION AND TO RECOGNIZE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014, AS “NATIONAL TEACHER DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are honored to pause in their deliberations to recognize the meaningful impact that our state’s teachers have on the well-being of our future citizens and leaders; and

Whereas, by laying the foundation for good citizenship, teachers are the backbone of democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain the state’s precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

Whereas,equipping young people in South Carolina with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, teachers give them not only the hope of a productive future, but also the access to it; and

Whereas,teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, and counseling and coaching students, as well as performing significant community service; and

Whereas,teachers have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for exemplary dedication to their profession, their communities, and the future of our children; and

Whereas, long after school days are only memories, teachers continue to influence their students; and

Whereas, the goal of National Teacher Day and National Teacher Appreciation Week is to raise national and local awareness of the importance of the teaching profession in society, a profession which touches the lives of millions of American children. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to teachers across the Palmetto State and nation for their unparalleled dedication to educating our students and for the profound and positive influence they make on the future of our State and nation and to recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2014, as “National Teacher Day” in South Carolina.

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