**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND COLUMBIA JEWISH DAY SCHOOL FOR ITS TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF COLUMBIA AND TO WISH THE SCHOOL MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Columbia Jewish Day School (CJDS) has served the Columbia community for twenty years, providing its children an exemplary early childhood education; and

Whereas, accredited by the South Carolina Independent Schools Association and the National Association of Education for Young Children, CJDS holds an AA rating from the State of South Carolina, the highest possible rating for an early childhood center; and

Whereas, led by Principal Meir Muller, the highly qualified and experienced faculty work with their students under the advantage of a low teacher‑to‑student ratio, and the individual attention the children thereby enjoy brings dividends: Of the students who complete fifth grade at Columbia Jewish Day School, 97 percent are accepted in gifted, talented, and advanced magnet schools; and

Whereas, a special part of the school’s fine curriculum is its immersion Hebrew, which enables children as young as kindergarten age to speak and understand this ancient language of the Bible; and

Whereas, strong family involvement and school‑to‑home communication, multiple service‑learning and social‑justice projects, character development, and an emphasis on establishing a positive Jewish identity are some of the strengths that make Columbia Jewish Day School the successful school it is; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for Columbia Jewish Day School’s many years of educational service to the Columbia area, takes great pleasure in saluting the school and in acknowledging CJDS’s important role in the education of South Carolina’s most precious asset, its children. 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 commend Columbia Jewish Day School for its twenty years of outstanding educational service to the children of Columbia and wish the school much continued success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Columbia Jewish Day School.

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