**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROBERT LOUIS HARRIS ON BEING NAMED 2017‑2018 RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Whereas, it is a great pleasure to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the education of South Carolina’s greatest treasure, its children, and Robert Louis Harris, 2017‑2018 Richland County School District One Teacher of the Year, is such an individual; and

Whereas, a family and consumer sciences teacher at Columbia’s Hand Middle School, Mr. Harris also acts as Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America advisor and serves as head coach for girls’ basketball at Hand. Further, he is an adjunct professor at Benedict College; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, in 2012 he earned a bachelor’s degree in family and consumer sciences at Winthrop University, followed by a master’s degree in English education from South Carolina State University in 2015, as well as a master’s degree in educational administration from the University of South Carolina in 2017; and

Whereas, his spirit of excellence and dedicated service has earned Mr. Harris numerous honors and recognitions that include being chairman of the South Carolina FCCLA Board of Directors; proud coach of the 2017 regular season and tournament champions for his teams 13‑0 record; 2017‑2018 Hand Middle School Teacher of the Year; 2017 Palmetto Citizens Youth Financial Educator of the Year; and WLTX News 19 Teacher of the Week for May 23, 2017; and

Whereas, worthy of highest praise for his consistent commitment and excellence as an educator, Robert Louis Harris richly deserves the prestigious Richland County School District One Teacher of the Year award bestowed on him for the 2017‑2018 school year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Robert Louis Harris on being named 2017‑2018 Richland County School District One Teacher of the Year and commend him for his years of dedicated service as an educator.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Robert Louis Harris.

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