**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION OF WACCAMAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OF PAWLEYS ISLAND ON RECEIVING THE 2018‑2019 PALMETTO’S FINEST AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly note with pleasure that on March 19, 2019, Waccamaw Intermediate School of Pawleys Island was named a winner of the 2018‑2019 Palmetto’s Finest award; and

Whereas, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and several partner businesses, this prestigious awards program annually honors two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school that maintain innovative, effective educational programs; and

Whereas, looking beyond academics to such things as what students do for their community, judges consider a school’s instructional program, school culture, student achievement, and quality of faculty and staff; and

Whereas, no stranger to high honor, Waccamaw Intermediate School has received the Palmetto Gold Award ten times for overall achievement and closing the achievement gap. The school also has received the National Blue Ribbon Award; and

Whereas, the school’s mission of cultivating excellence in education permeates the school as students participate in fine arts productions, First Lego League, STEM lab, Project Lead the Way, steel drum band, first tee golf instruction, advanced art classes, overnight camping trips, and community service activities; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to affirm Waccamaw Intermediate School’s place as an exemplar of all that is good and positive in public education in South Carolina, and the members join Waccamaw’s many friends in congratulating the school on this, its latest achievement. 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, congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Waccamaw Intermediate School of Pawleys Island on receiving the 2018‑2019 Palmetto’s Finest award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Tim Carnahan of Waccamaw Intermediate School.

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