**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR KATHY D. HIPP OF ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 UPON BEING NAMED 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

Whereas, in recognition of her many contributions to education, Kathy D. Hipp of Anderson School District 3 has been named 2022 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, this award is presented annually to a district superintendent as part of the national Superintendent of the Year program of the American Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, in preparation for a distinguished career in education, Mrs. Hipp earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Erskine College in 1988. Continuing her studies, she received a master’s degree in education from Clemson University in 1993. A multisport athlete in high school and at Erskine College, she was inducted into the Crescent High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019; and

Whereas, highly respected in her community and among her peers, this veteran educator demonstrates integrity and leadership skills that have allowed the district to excel despite the many challenges facing South Carolina’s school districts; and

Whereas, under her leadership as superintendent, the district passed a penny sales tax to build and open the Anderson Institute of Technology. It also constructed athletic facilities and an FFA arena and completed the district’s 1:1 technology initiative. One of fifteen districts to pilot the state’s eLearning initiative, Anderson School District 3 developed an integrated STEM program for K5‑8th grade and expanded the fine arts program to include strings. The district is currently ranked seventh out of eighty‑three school districts in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Kathy Hipp considers it an honor to serve the parents, children, and teachers of her home district. Dedicated to the district’s mission, “Pride, Purpose, Passion,” she has a vision for Anderson 3 to be the premier school district in South Carolina. She encourages every employee in the district in reminding them, “On your worst day, you are someone’s best hope”; and

Whereas, she finds strength for her duties in the strong support of her family. Kathy and her husband, Tim Hipp, have been married for thirty‑five years and have been blessed with three children and their spouses, as well as with delightful grandchildren. Her words to live by are inspiring: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23); and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is delighted that Mrs. Hipp has been chosen for this honor and extends grateful thanks for her many years of dedicated service to the children of this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Kathy D. Hipp of Anderson School District 3 upon being named 2022 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Kathy D. Hipp.

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