**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND MONICA CANDACE ADAMS, HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER AT SAMUEL A. HEYWARD CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, FOR HER COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON ACHIEVING NATIONAL BOARD TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN NOVEMBER 2008.

Whereas, it is with distinct pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes educators who approach teaching with passion, creativity, and dedication, along with appropriate academic preparation for their fields; and

Whereas, in the roll call of such South Carolina educators, Monica Candace Adams, health science instructor at Samuel A. Heyward Career & Technology Center in Richland County School District One, stands high as one who has achieved National Board Teacher Certification in the area of career and technical education; and

Whereas, the path to National Board Teacher Certification requires an extensive amount of paperwork to document the quality of teaching, two unedited videos showing two different lessons being taught, and successful completion of a written test, in addition to the time a candidate must spend carrying out his or her usual teaching duties; and

Whereas, in preparation for teaching, Ms. Adams earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at Wofford College and a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the University of South Carolina, as well as master’s degrees in health administration and health promotion, both at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, presently a Career and Technology Education (CATE) teacher, Ms. Adams has taught for seven years in Richland One; and

Whereas, her classroom provides an environment ripe for learning, where students can gain a firm educational foundation and grow in self‑confidence and respect for others under the mentorship of a caring teacher; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to honor this exceptional educator, Monica Candace Adams, and the members join with her colleagues, students, family, and friends in extending best wishes for continued success in her career. 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, commend Monica Candace Adams, health science teacher at Samuel A. Heyward Career & Technology Center in Richland County School District One, for her commitment to providing quality education for the children of South Carolina, and congratulate her upon achieving National Board Teacher Certification in November 2008.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ms. Adams.

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