**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BREE BOYCE OF FLORENCE, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2011, AND TO COMMEND THE DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives note with great pride that Bree Boyce of Florence was named Miss South Carolina 2011 and has been an excellent ambassador for our State during her reign; and

Whereas, born on March 25, 1989, Bree Boyce graduated from Francis Marion University with a bachelor’s degree in theatre arts. Her ambition is to obtain a doctorate in theatre arts and to become a professional performer, college professor, playwright, and director; and

Whereas, as a college student with both talent and intelligence, she earned a place on the Dean’s List and in *Who*’*s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges* and won the Adele Kassab and Adrian R. Ketcham music scholarships; and

Whereas, her many leadership roles include FMU ambassador, West Florence Baptist Church violin instructor and youth‑activity leader, Special Olympics team leader, senior‑class vice president, and founder of Patriot Mile; and

Whereas, notably, Bree spent three years shedding one hundred twelve pounds before she competed in a beauty pageant, losing her weight the old‑fashioned way. She strives to inspire others to do the same. Appropriately, her pageant platform has been “Eating Healthy and Fighting Obesity.” She took her platform to the national level when she competed for the Miss America title in January 2012, placing in the twelve semifinalists; and

Whereas, during her reign, she has been speaking around the country to encourage others to get healthy by eating well, exercising, and believing in themselves. Her story of extensive weight loss has proved so inspiring that she has been interviewed on several national television programs, including *Good Morning America* and *Today*; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing such an outstanding young woman and representative of the State of South Carolina as Bree Boyce, and the members wish her well as she continues to pursue her life goals. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Bree Boyce of Florence, Miss South Carolina 2011, and commend the discipline, aspirations, and talent that have enabled her to represent the Palmetto State with dignity and poise.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bree Boyce.

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