**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. CHRISTINA MELTON OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AS AN EDUCATOR AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED 2012 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Dr. Christina Melton of Richland County, principal of Nursery Road Elementary School, has been named the 2012 Elementary School Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, Christina Melton earned her undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of South Carolina, where she became an avid Gamecock fan. Continuing her education, she received a degree in administration at Winthrop University, after which she earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University; and

Whereas, during the 2007‑2008 school year, this Pageland native, having previously served as principal of Chester Park Center of Literacy Through Technology in Chester County, became principal of Nursery Road Elementary; and

Whereas, thriving under the exceptional leadership of Dr. Melton, Nursery Road Elementary was named a Palmetto Gold Award winner for both 2009‑2010 and 2010‑2011, as well as a Palmetto Silver Award winner for 2008‑2009; and

Whereas, Dr. Melton and her husband, middle school teacher Lee Melton, are the proud parents of two daughters, Diana, a senior at the University of South Carolina, and Carie, a student at Dutch Fork Middle School; and

Whereas, well aware of how deserving Dr. Melton is of this distinguished award, the students of Nursery Road Elementary School and their parents, as well as her colleagues, friends, and family members, congratulate her on this latest testimony to her dedicated service and spirit of excellence in the field of education; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to salute Dr. Christina Melton on receiving this high honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Christina Melton of Richland County for her outstanding work as an educator and congratulate her on being named 2012 Elementary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Christina Melton.

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