**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARLENE DAVIS, PRINCIPAL OF GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY‑THREE YEARS AS AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Principal Marlene Davis for her significant contributions to education in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, Gaffney High School Principal Davis is retiring at the end of this school year, her sixth as principal, after serving as a Gaffney High School administrator for ten years; and

Whereas, in 2007, she replaced current superintendent Dr. Quincie Moore as Gaffney High School’s principal, making a seamless transition into the office of principal. She continued the popular Prom Bash and, among many other projects and challenges, she helped to oversee the opening of a ninth‑grade addition in 2008; and

Whereas, in recent years under her leadership, Gaffney High added a defensive‑driving course called “Alive at 25” and a credit‑recovery computer lab to help students stay on track for graduation; and

Whereas, members of the Gaffney High School graduating class of 2012 were awarded college scholarships valued over a four‑year period at more than $11 million; and

Whereas, with a sincere heart and genuine concern for her students Marlene Davis has been an outstanding asset to all students served by the Cherokee County School District; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Principal Marlene Davis has devoted to the education of our state’s young people and wish her many years of enjoyment as she begins her well‑earned retirement on June 30, 2013. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Marlene Davis, Principal of Gaffney High School, upon the occasion of her retirement after forty‑three years as an exceptional educator, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Marlene Davis.

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