**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ALISHA BRAND OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to pause in their deliberations to recognize individuals who excel in their academic pursuits. Alisha Brand, who has taken on the challenge to continually strive for greater academic heights, is one such individual; and

Whereas, born the daughter of Alexander and Latonya Brand, Alisha is a Williamsburg County native, currently residing in the small town of Lane. She received her high school education at C.E. Murray High School where she was an honor graduate of the class of 2018. Driven to succeed, she was a dual‑enrollment attendee at Williamsburg Technical College, where she obtained her certificate in general studies; and

Whereas, seeking to further her studies, she attended one of the state’s historically Black colleges and universities, Allen University. She chose to major in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship and a minor in accounting. While undertaking these studies, she received numerous accolades for her exemplary performance. She was the recipient of an Allen University Honor Scholarship, a James A. Clyburn Scholarship, a Life Scholarship, and the Palmetto Conference Woman’s Missionary Society Scholarship. In addition, she was selected to attend the Dominion Energy Diversity Student Conference, where she was given the opportunity to compete against other students to earn an internship with Dominion Energy, and she attended the KeyBank Symposium with Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she was given the opportunity to attend their university pending the completion of her studies at Allen University; and

Whereas, intelligent, motivated, and hardworking, while at Allen University, Alisha has been on the President’s List for three and a half years and on the Dean’s List for one semester; and

Whereas, with dreams of ever greater accomplishments, Alisha became a member of the Columbia Gamma Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she now serves as the financial secretary. She is also a member of the National Association of Black Accountants and the Women in Business Association, where she serves as the secretary. Furthermore, she is a S.P.E.A.K. Ambassador, in which role she assists students who have trouble with public speaking; and

Whereas, regardless of the adversity that Alisha has faced, she has never allowed those challenges to overcome her desire to accomplish great things. Her motto has always been Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”; and

Whereas, Alisha will be graduating summa cum laude from the Allen University class of 2021 and has been named valedictorian. Seeking ever greater heights, Alisha already has plans to move forward academically and upon graduation will attend Strayer University to obtain her master’s degree in forensic accounting; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to recognize Alisha’s achievements as an accomplished student with a bright and exciting future in front of her and anxiously look forward to hearing of her future successes. 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 commend Alisha Brand of Williamsburg County for her outstanding academic accomplishments and wish her much happiness and success in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Alisha Brand.

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