

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

) RESOLUTION NO. 12-12

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

**TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FOR RECEIVING THE PALMETTO'S FINEST SCHOOLS AWARD**

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council was pleased to learn that Beech Hill Elementary School in Dorchester School District Two received the Palmetto's Finest School Award on March 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented annually by the S.C. Association of School Administrators, and is given to the top two elementary schools and to a single middle and high school based on student achievement, faculty training, program goals, teaching quality, office practices and community involvement.; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto's Finest Award is celebrating its 36th year and is one of the most coveted and respected awards among educators, and Beech Hill Elementary School was among four schools statewide to receive the award; and

WHEREAS, Beech Hill Elementary opened in 1992 and is one of the fastest growing schools in the district with 1,160 students; and

WHEREAS, Beech Hill Elementary is an award winning school with some of the highest test scores in the state and received an Excellent absolute rating and an Excellent growth rating on the 2011 State Report Card; has met Adequate Yearly Progress under No Child Left Behind for the past three years; has also received the Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap from the state Education Oversight Committee and the State Department of Education; has also been named a South Carolina Red Carpet School for its family-friendly environment; has received a Blue Ribbon Award from the State Department of Education for implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council is pleased to acknowledge the accomplishments of this exceptional school and commend the students for the pride they have brought to their school and their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dorchester County Council wishes to honor and recognize Principal Rene Harris and all of the students and faculty at Beech Hill Elementary School for receiving the 2012 Palmetto's Finest Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, the original shall be presented to Beech Hill Elementary School Principal Rene Harris, and a copy shall be filed in the permanent records of Dorchester County, South Carolina.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2012.

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

BY:


Larry S. Hargett, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sandy W. Lawley, Clerk