**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ED COLES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME ON MAY 3, 2009.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to note that Ed Coles, assistant principal of Eastside High School in Taylors and former head wrestling coach at the school, will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, born in New Jersey and raised in Maryland, Mr. Coles went to The Citadel to wrestle and, after transferring, finished his college career at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, in the early years after college graduation, he coached football and wrestling at St. Andrews High School in Charleston, guiding the team to three Class AAA finals, as well as state championships in 1982 and 1984. After a year’s coaching at Mauldin High School, Ed Coles began a successful eleven‑year coaching stint at Eastside High School, highlighted by two state runner‑up finishes for the Eagle wrestlers as a team and numerous individual state titles; and

Whereas, in addition to his assistant‑coaching duties with the varsity wrestling team, Coach Coles has been working with Eastside’s youth wrestling program since its beginning and has headed it for several years, an effort that gives a jumpstart to the varsity team as the younger wrestlers become eligible to join it. Coach Coles counts his own son, Eddie, among those who have come through the youth program, and the father has had the satisfaction of watching his son become a four‑time state wrestling champion, as of February 2009; and

Whereas, on May 3, 2009, Ed Coles will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at a banquet given by the organization’s South Carolina chapter; and

Whereas, grateful for his twenty years of working to develop wrestling among the young men of South Carolina and for his excellence and integrity as a mentor to these young people, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Ed Coles upon being named to 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, congratulate Ed Coles upon the occasion of his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on May 3, 2009.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ed Coles.

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