**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TREVOR BOOKER OF THE WASHINGTON WIZARDS, A NATIVE OF UNION AND A FORMER CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL STAR, FOR CO‑HOSTING THE TREVOR BOOKER & JOSH HOWARD TRU‑BALLERS 5ON5 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY SPINX COMPANY, TO BE HELD IN MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA ON JUNE 9‑12, 2011, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TREVOR BOOKER FOUNDATION AND THE JOSH HOWARD FOUNDATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that former Clemson Tiger and current NBA rookie Trevor Booker of the Washington Wizards has partnered with teammate Josh Howard to co‑host the Trevor Booker & Josh Howard Tru‑Ballers 5on5 Basketball Tournament presented by Spinx Company. The tournament will run June 9‑12, 2011, and is produced in conjunction with the Josh Howard Foundation and the City of Mauldin; and

Whereas, the tournament will showcase fifteen teams from South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Washington, D.C. In co‑hosting the event, Trevor Booker and Josh Howard will be joined during the weekend by teammates John Wall and Andray Blatche, and the tournament’s winning team will receive a five thousand dollar prize; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Trevor Booker & Josh Howard Tru‑Ballers 5on5 Basketball Tournament is to help raise funds for the establishment of the Trevor Booker Foundation and the continuance of the mission of the Josh Howard Foundation. All money generated will be used by the foundations to advance their missions; and

Whereas, to honor Union native Trevor Booker for this fine effort to benefit others, he will be presented with a Key to the City by Mauldin Mayor Don Godbey on Thursday, June 9, at the city’s Springfield Park basketball court. Mayor Godbey will present the key during the kickoff of the basketball tournament, for which the Greenville‑based Spinx Company is serving as title sponsor; and

Whereas, Trevor Booker, a forward for the NBA Washington Wizards, attended Union High School. In his senior year, he was named Gatorade Player of the Year for South Carolina, Class AAA State Player of the Year, and a First‑Team All‑State selection. Trevor left Union as its career leader in rebounding and blocked shots and later played AAU basketball with the South Carolina Celtics; and

Whereas, he was the starting power forward at Clemson University, coached by Oliver Purnell. After four years as a Tiger, he was fifth all‑time at Clemson with 1,725 career points and third with 1,060 rebounds, and he led the Tigers to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and a school record 93 victories. He was the only player in ACC history with 1,500 points, 1,000 rebounds, 200 blocked shots, 200 assists, and 100 steals. He also played for Team USA in the World University Games, helping the team win a bronze medal; and

Whereas, cognizant of the time and effort Trevor Booker has put into this worthy charitable effort, the House takes great pleasure in thanking him for the dedication that has brought the Trevor Booker & Josh Howard Tru‑Ballers 5on5 Basketball Tournament to fruition. The members extend best wishes for much success during the event and encourage all South Carolinians to attend and enjoy its family‑friendly offerings. 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 Trevor Booker of the Washington Wizards, a native of Union and former Clemson University basketball star, for co‑hosting the Trevor Booker & Josh Howard Tru‑Ballers 5on5 Basketball Tournament, to be held in Mauldin, South Carolina on June 9‑12, 2011, for the benefit of the Trevor Booker Foundation and the Josh Howard Foundation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Trevor Booker.

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