**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ANDRE GOODMAN OF ELGIN ON HIS 2011 RETIREMENT FROM THE NFL AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW JOB AS DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS WELL AS MUCH PROSPERITY AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the young Andre began his sports commitment early and proved his excellence at what was truly a clear calling. During his high school football days, he was an All‑State wide receiver and defensive back at Eastside High School in Taylors and also excelled in track; and

Whereas, a four‑year letterwinner for the University of South Carolina (1998‑2001) during a much‑watched college career, the Greenville native started each of his final two campaigns at cornerback and recorded 78 tackles, four interceptions, and 19 pass breakups in his junior and senior seasons; and

Whereas, after earning his bachelor’s degree in sports and entertainment management, he was drafted by Detroit in the third round of the 2002 NFL Draft and played with the Lions for four seasons. He also logged NFL time with the Miami Dolphins (2006‑2008) and Denver Broncos (2009‑2011), to post a ten‑year NFL career; and

Whereas, during his NFL years, Andre Goodman’s colleagues and members of the media showed their respect for this son of South Carolina through the honors they bestowed on him, including the 2007 Ed Block Courage Award (presented to NFL players who are voted by their teammates as role models of inspiration, sportsmanship, and courage) and the 2007 Good Guy Award (presented by the South Florida Chapter of the Pro Football Writers of America); and

Whereas, not a man to let himself rack up idle time after retiring from the NFL in 2011, Andre Goodman accepted the call in 2012 to return to his alma mater as the USC Gamecocks’ director of football player development. Now in his second year in that position, he focuses on off‑the‑field activities of the student‑athletes and serves as an invaluable resource in balancing the demands of academics, athletics, community outreach, and the students’ personal lives as they transition in and out of college athletics; and

Whereas, away from the office, Andre Goodman enjoys spending time with his wife, Shana, and their four children, Fabian, Andre, Kennedy, and Mason. He finds strength for his myriad duties through their strong support; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to add its collective voice of praise to the many encomiums received by Andre Goodman, and the members wish him great joy and success as he continues to mentor the present generation of Gamecock student athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Andre Goodman of Elgin on his 2011 retirement from the NFL and wish him continued success in his new job as director of football player development at the University of South Carolina, as well as much prosperity and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Andre Goodman.

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