**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RICHARD LANIER WILLIAMS FOR FOUR DECADES AS AN OUTSTANDING COACH FOR ROYAL AMBASSADOR BOYS BASKETBALL AT ST. ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH, WITH MORE WINS THAN ANY OTHER COACH IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR BOYS BASKETBALL, AND TO DECLARE AND PROCLAIM HIM COACH EMERITUS FOR ALL ROYAL AMBASSADOR BASKETBALL FOR THE ENTIRE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Richard Lanier Williams successfully spanned four decades coaching Royal Ambassador boys basketball at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Richland County from 1971 to 2011; and

Whereas, making countless daily sacrifices to the ministry of Royal Ambassador boys basketball during those forty years, he has lived daily all of the Royal Ambassador pledge, especially through his efforts to have a “Christ‑like concern for all people”; and

Whereas, Richard Williams worked for more than a year at the old Highway Department before becoming the finance director at the office of South Carolina Technical College System where he served faithfully for thirty‑four years; and

Whereas, through righteous living, Coach Williams modeled for all Royal Ambassador basketball players the organization’s motto taken from Second Corinthians 5:20, “We are Ambassadors for Christ”; and

Whereas, he remained steadfast to his commitment to lead his Royal Ambassador basketball players, even to the point of finishing his practice with them before joining his beautiful wife, Carol Ann, at her bedside for the birth of their firstborn son; and

Whereas, Coach Williams has been and will always be an eternal, positive, and godly influence on the building of Christian character in young men at St. Andrews Baptist Church and throughout the great State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, having coached Royal Ambassador basketball for longer than any other individual in the Palmetto State, he served his God as a true and faithful servant; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the dedication that Richard Williams has had for the boys basketball program of Royal Ambassadors at St. Andrews Baptist Church and for his significant impact on the youth of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Richard Lanier Williams for four decades as an outstanding coach for Royal Ambassador boys basketball at St. Andrews Baptist Church, with more wins than any other coach in the history of the organization for boys basketball, and declare and proclaim him Coach Emeritus for all Royal Ambassador basketball for the entire great State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Richard Lanier Williams.

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