**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SHERRY HAITHCOCK OF LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED 2014 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS; TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER UPCOMING RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑SIX YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS TEACHER, COACH, AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY; AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Sherry Haithcock of Liberty High School has been named 2014 Athletic Director of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Athletic Administrators (SCAAA); and

Whereas, a graduate of Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University), Sherry Haithcock carried an undergraduate double major in math and physical education/health. She earned a master of education in physical education at Furman University and an education specialist degree with an emphasis in business and computers; and

Whereas, over the course of her thirty‑six years as an educator, she has taught math and physical education and coached volleyball, softball, and basketball at three high schools in Pickens County and presently teaches adapted physical education, civic responsibility, and lifetime fitness at Liberty High; and

Whereas, Coach Haithcock has served the past twenty-seven years at Liberty High and since 2001 as Liberty’s athletic director, a position at which she has excelled and for which she has been recognized, not only by receiving the SCAAA 2014 Athletic Director award, but also when she was honored by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association as the 2013 SCACA Athletic Director of the Year; and

Whereas, instrumental in the development of the athletic facilities at the new Liberty High, Coach Haithcock, a certified athletic trainer, has added six sports teams during her tenure as athletic director and has grown an athletic program at the school that promotes student athletes and encourages them to excel on the field and in the classroom; and

Whereas, although Coach Haithcock intends to retire at the end of this school year, she will continue to contribute her wealth of experience, knowledge, and expertise to high school athletics in South Carolina as she plans to serve as a mentor in the SCAAA’s Mentoring Program for new athletic directors; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, appreciative of Sherry Haithcock’s thirty‑six years as an educator and her dedication as a coach, teacher, and mentor to thousands of students in Pickens County, takes great pleasure in recognizing her on receiving this, her latest accolade, the 2014 SCAAA Athletic Director of the Year award, and wish her well in her retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Sherry Haithcock of Liberty High School on being named 2014 Athletic Director of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Athletic Administrators; honor and recognize her upon the occasion of her upcoming retirement after thirty‑six years of devoted service as teacher, coach, and athletic director in the School District of Pickens County; and wish her continued success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Sherry Haithcock.

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