**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIMESTONE COLLEGE MEN’S LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND COLLEGE OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the Limestone College men’s lacrosse team of Cherokee County took top honors at the NCAA Division II competition at M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland, on Sunday, May 25, 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Limestone College Saints faced off against Long Island University, defeating their opponents 12‑6 and capturing the lacrosse team’s third national title; and

Whereas, in the semifinals of the NCAA Division II men’s lacrosse playoffs on Sunday, May 18, 2014, the Saints defeated the University of Tampa 14‑10 at Saints Field in Gaffney; and

Whereas, Limestone midfielder and sophomore Mike Messenger scored four goals against Tampa with assistance from Josh Williams and Colton Watkinson, helping their team to the semi‑final victory on the way to the championship tournament; and

Whereas, in the championship game of the NCAA Division II, Limestone’s Vinny Ricci scored four goals, while teammate Billy Koelmel picked up a groundball for the Saints, who posted a championship season with a 19‑1 record; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands quickness and agility, strategy and strength, Head Coach J. B. Clarke and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the pride and recognition that the Limestone lacrosse players have brought to their college and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Limestone College men’s lacrosse team, coaches, and college officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 NCAA Division II Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach J. B. Clarke.

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