**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM’S QUARTERBACK DESHAUN WATSON FOR AN INCREDIBLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING ONE OF THREE FINALISTS FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS HEISMAN TROPHY IN 2016.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to commend Deshaun Watson, for quarterbacking Clemson to an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship and a national title game berth and for being named a finalist for college football’s coveted Heisman Trophy; and

Whereas, a sophomore majoring in communication studies at Clemson from Gainesville, Georgia, Deshaun Watson graduated from Gainesville High School where he was named state Player of the Year as a sophomore, junior, and senior and was ranked the number‑one dual‑threat quarterback in the nation by 247Sports.com; and

Whereas, this six‑foot‑two sophomore’s other honors include being named the Most Valuable Player of the ACC, of the ACC championship game, and of the Capital One Orange Bowl for the 2015‑2016 season. He was the first Clemson quarterback to be named consensus All‑American; and

Whereas, he won the Archie Griffin Award as the nation’s top player and was a finalist for the Maxwell Award, and he won the Davey O’Brien Award and the Manning Award as the nation’s top quarterback, the first Clemson signal caller to win either award; and

Whereas, the first player in Football Bowl Subdivision history to accumulate four thousand yards passing and one thousand yards rushing in the same season, Deshaun Watson set the ACC record for total offense in a season; and

Whereas, this Clemson Tiger quarterback finished first in the nation in the ESPN quarterback rating, fifth in the nation in completion percentage, eighth in total offense, eighth in touchdown passes, ninth in points responsible for per game, and twelfth in the nation in passing efficiency; and

Whereas, he was chosen as a First‑Team All‑American pick by AFCA, the Associated Press, CBS Sports, ESPN.com, FWAA, and USA Today, and he was named Second‑Team All‑American by Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, and Walter Camp; and

Whereas, Deshaun Watson was selected to the All‑Bowl Team by ESPN.com, Sports Illustrated, and USA Today; and

Whereas, named both the ACC Player of the Year and the ACC Offensive Player of the Year by the media and coaches, Quarterback Watson was honored by various sporting associations for his performances in games, including Clemson’s games against Boston College, North Carolina State, Syracuse, Wake Forest, and Miami; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Deshaun Watson has brought to Clemson University and to the Palmetto State and look to hear of his continued achievements in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Clemson University football team’s quarterback Deshaun Watson for an incredible season and congratulate him for being one of three finalists for the prestigious Heisman Trophy in 2016.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Deshaun Watson.

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