**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FISHING TEAM FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL ANGLING SKILL AND TO CONGRATULATE TEAM MEMBERS PATRICK WALTERS AND GETTYS BRANNON ON WINNING THE 2015 FISHING LEAGUE WORLDWIDE COLLEGE FISHING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that the University of South Carolina fishing team captured the 2015 Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) College Fishing National Championship, which concluded on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Lake Murray; and

Whereas, the home‑standing Gamecocks put together three solid rounds of limit catches to amass a tournament‑winning weight of 53 pounds, 2 ounces. When USC’s victory was announced, the partisan crowd at Carolina Baseball Stadium rose to its feet in a wild outburst of jubilation; and

Whereas, in capturing the 2015 championship title, the South Carolina team of Patrick Walters and Gettys Brannon edged out previous tournament leader Liberty University of Lynchburg, Virginia. Liberty’s Travis Rulle and Caleb Eppler weren’t too shabby in the consistency department either, as they led the tournament, presented by Lowrance Genesis Insight College Cup, the first two days. The problem for them was that they couldn’t finish with five good keepers, although four almost did it for them. As it was, the Gamecocks won by a 1‑pound, 5‑ounce margin; and

Whereas, the Gamecocks’ exciting prize package included a Ranger Z117 with ninety‑horsepower outboard, as well as berths in the 2015 Forrest Wood Cup on Lake Ouachita in August; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in applauding the outstanding achievements of the USC fishing team, and the members look with interest to hearing of its continued success 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 celebrate the University of South Carolina fishing team for its exceptional angling skill and congratulate team members Patrick Walters and Gettys Brannon on winning the 2015 FLW College Fishing National Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Patrick Walters and Gettys Brannon.

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