**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH NATHAN GANTT FOR HIS SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A COACH TO THE TEAM BLAZE JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD CLUB OF COLUMBIA.

Whereas, it is with much pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State; and

Whereas, Nathan Gantt, a coach of the Team Blaze Junior Olympic Track and Field Club of Columbia and a servant leader in his Columbia‑area community, is highly respected for his selfless giving to the young people he coaches; and

Whereas, in 2010, Nathan Gantt and his fellow coach, Warren Eure, created Team Blaze Junior Olympic Track and Field Club to foster health and fitness, community involvement, and development of life skills for youth. Since that time, Coach Gantt has provided care and financial support when needed to more than fifty young people each athletic season from April to July; and

Whereas, during the season, this dedicated coach spends many after‑work hours away from his family to train the youth at Westwood High School, with additional hours necessary for traveling to competitions; and

Whereas, as his work with each group of young people comes to an end, he has the very great satisfaction of seeing them motivated to attend college, enter the military, or embark on other worthwhile life endeavors; and

Whereas, cognizant of his valuable contributions to the people of the Palmetto State, most particularly those of the Columbia area, the House of Representatives extends grateful thanks to Coach Gantt for his years of committed service. As he continues to serve, the members wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Coach Nathan Gantt for his six years of dedicated and outstanding community service as a coach to the Team Blaze Junior Olympic Track and Field Club of Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Nathan Gantt.

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