**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH RICK KNIGHT OF MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN GRANITEVILLE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

Whereas, prominent in the roll call of such benefactors to our youth, Coach Rick Knight of Midland Valley High School for thirty‑five years has sought to instill in his student athletes the skills and character traits necessary for success in the classroom, on the gridiron, and in the workplace; and

Whereas, in 1981, Rick Knight began his career as an assistant under the legendary Clayton Chriswell, then coach at Silver Bluff High School; and

Whereas, when Coach Chriswell moved to Midland Valley in 1991, Coach Knight followed his mentor there and again served as an assistant. Halfway through the 1999 season, Rick Knight took over as Midland Valley’s head football coach, a position he has held for seventeen years; and

Whereas, with an overall record of 94‑98, Coach Knight has led his players to six Region titles. In 2015, he led the Mustangs to their first ten‑win season, their first Class AAA Lower State title, and their first appearance in a state title game; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Coach Knight has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. 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 Rick Knight of Midland Valley High School in Graniteville for his outstanding career as both coach and educator, congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Rick Knight.

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