**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TIM BOURRET UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to recognize Tim Bourret upon the occasion of his retirement as longtime Sports Information Director for Clemson University on July 1, 2018; and

Whereas, prior to working for Clemson, Bourret worked for legendary Notre Dame Sports Information Director Roger Valdiserri. In 1978, he began with Clemson on the staff of former Sports Information Director Bob Bradley. Bourret’s manner of treating people, which he learned from Bradley, is a large part of what sets him apart; and

Whereas, as Sports Information Director, Bourret played a vital role in disseminating information in an accurate and timely fashion and setting up interviews with players and coaches for a variety of media outlets. Bourret was also known as “Clemson Google” for his uncanny knack for knowing seemingly remote tidbits of information and for sharing the stories behind the statistics and history with genuine, heartfelt interest; and

Whereas, Bourret’s job required long days and often long nights, but he never appeared worse for the wear. Despite the hours, he always maintained his own standard for how things should be done and always enjoyed the work. No one else has executed those duties with the same professionalism or aplomb; and

Whereas, Bourret has created a legacy and earned respect from virtually all of his peers, including Furman Sports Information Director Hunter Reid, who’s among the best in the field as well. Bourret’s understudies reach far and wide and include fellow Sports Information Directors, public relations personnel, and untold others in related fields, and his influence will continue to resonate and serve as a model in the profession for years to come; and

Whereas, Bourret was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2017; and

Whereas, Bourret will still contribute to the sports world on a part‑time basis, offering his insight on basketball radio broadcasts and providing occasional writings; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the dedication and commitment that Tim Bourret has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Tim Bourret upon the occasion of his retirement as Sports Information Director, commend him for his forty years of outstanding service to Clemson University, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tim Bourret.

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