**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAYNE ARLEDGE, HEAD COACH OF NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY’S WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Jayne Arledge, head coach of the women’s basketball team at North Greenville University, will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty‑six years as a premier coach and mentor with the school at the end of the 2016‑2017 basketball season; and

Whereas, always a lover of sports, Jayne, in 1976, became the first woman to receive an athletic grant‑in‑aid to Western Carolina University when she signed to join the women’s basketball team. She had a stellar college basketball career. Throughout her four‑year tenure, she scored 1,928 points and set seven school records, all of which stand to this day; and

Whereas, after graduating, Jayne commenced her coaching career at Dorman High School, where she directed the junior varsity girls team for two seasons. In 1981, she stepped onto the North Greenville campus and found her home. At that time, North Greenville was a junior college and smaller than Dorman, but it was the right size for Jayne. She preferred the simpler atmosphere; and

Whereas, during the thirty‑six years she spent coaching for North Greenville, the school and women’s basketball went through several changes that she met with adaptability and hard work. In 1992, the school became a four‑year institution and joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Following this, in 2002, the university joined the National Collegiate Athletic Association as a Division II school. Jayne’s flexibility during these transitions was imperative, as it was when the three‑point line was added in 1987, and when the game’s time parameters switched from halves to quarters in the 2015‑2016 season; and

Whereas, Jayne’s success as a coach can be attributed to her focus on the individual, in addition to her demand for hard work and emphasis on fundamentals. Former North Greenville player Nikki Wood Creal describes the lessons impressed upon her while playing for Jayne, “She instilled work ethic in us. She made it known that nothing was going to be given to us. Everything had to be worked for. That made us closer. We were like a sisterhood, and Coach Arledge was the mom.” Jayne’s motherly influence has steered hundreds of young women and impacted an entire campus community; and

Whereas, at the end of the 2016‑2017 season, Jayne will happily relinquish the travel schedule and fourteen‑hour days required of coaches, but she will miss endearing moments with players. “That’s what makes it so joyous,” said Jayne, “the communication with these young ladies day in and day out. Really, they become your family”; and

Whereas, even in retirement, Jayne will not wander too far from home. She will teach in the North Greenville physical education department and serve as senior women’s administrator. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Jayne Arledge, head coach of North Greenville University’s women’s basketball team, upon the occasion of her retirement, after thirty‑six years of exemplary service to the students of the university, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jayne Arledge.

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