**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAN D. BUTLER FOR EARNING THE LAUDABLE TITLE OF 2017 REGION 1‑AAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to congratulate Stan Butler for being granted the title of 2017 Region 1‑AAAA Athletic Director of the Year by the SC Athletic Administrators Association, a well‑earned accomplishment; and

Whereas, Stan began his coaching career in 1991 at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill while he was a graduate student at Winthrop University. He coached baseball and football and helped lead the 1992 team to the Big 16 Football Championship; and

Whereas, in 1993, Stan commenced teaching at South Middle School in Lancaster, where he remained until 2000. During his tenure there, he coached football and served as the athletic director. Additionally, he served as the assistant baseball coach at Lancaster High School; and

Whereas, upon leaving South Middle School, he has taught and coached at Pickens High School in Pickens, where he works molding young minds to this day. During his time at Pickens High, he has coached football, baseball, and girls’ golf; and

Whereas, his baseball teams won the region championship in 2005, 2006, and 2007. The 2014 girls’ golf team won region in 2014 and an upper state qualifying tournament in the same year. In 2005, 2006, and 2007, he was named Region 1‑AAA Baseball Coach of the Year, and in 2014, he received the honor of being declared the Region 1‑AAA Girls’ Golf Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, after serving for two years as an assistant athletic director at Pickens High School, in 2014 he was named the athletic director. In 2016, he was honored with the title of Region 1‑AAA Athletic Director of the Year. Receiving consecutive honors of this caliber shows the quality and dedication Stan gives to his work each and every day; and

Whereas, being nominated for the award of 2017 Region 1‑AAAA Athletic Director of the Year by his fellow athletic directors illustrates Stan’s commitment to the students of Pickens High School and the Pickens community as a whole. Leading by example, with a heart of humility and a sense of fairness, Stan evokes respect from his student‑athletes; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is honored to be able to recognize a son of the Palmetto State that so embodies the qualities of service and selflessness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Stan D. Butler for earning the laudable title of 2017 Region 1‑AAAA Athletic Director of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stan D. Butler.

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