**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JAYNE ARLEDGE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS HEAD COACH OF NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY’S WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER 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, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize and honor Jayne Arledge, head coach of the women’s basketball team at North Greenville University, for her thirty‑six years as a premier coach and mentor with the school; and

Whereas, in her own college athletic career, Jayne made history. In 1976, she signed to join Western Carolina University’s basketball team and became the first woman to receive an athletic grant‑in‑aid. Throughout her four‑year tenure, she maintained a stellar basketball career, scoring 1,928 points and setting 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 the time, North Greenville was a junior college and smaller than Dorman, but it was the right size for Jayne, who preferred the simpler atmosphere; and

Whereas, during her coaching career at North Greenville, Jayne met all changes to the school or women’s basketball with a hard working attitude that allowed her a unique adaptability. In 1992, North Greenville 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 invaluable, as the three‑point line was also added in 1987, and 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. She was known for instilling her players with a strong work ethic, which connected them as a team and a family. Jayne’s positive influence has steered hundreds of young women in the right direction and touched an entire campus community; and

Whereas, at the end of the 2016‑2017 season, Jayne will happily relinquish the taxing travel schedule and fourteen‑hour days required of a coach, but she will miss her time with the players and the strong bond that made them like a family; and

Whereas, even in retirement, Jayne will not wander too far from home. North Greenville will be lucky to keep her as a teacher in the physical education department and as a senior women’s administrator. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Jayne Arledge on the occasion of her retirement as head coach of North Greenville University’s women’s basketball team, commend her for her 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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