**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE DIMETRY GIOVONNI “VONNIE” HOLLIDAY FOR HIS CELEBRATED CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BETTERMENT OF KERSHAW COUNTY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly take great pride in the professional excellence and humanitarian work of South Carolina native son Dimetry Giovonni “Vonnie” Holliday; and

Whereas, born in Camden on December 12, 1975, Vonnie Holliday grew up in a home with his mother, two sisters, his aunt, and his grandmother, but that has not kept him from succeeding in the most male‑oriented sport in the country; and

Whereas, Vonnie Holliday was a talented basketball, baseball, and football player for Camden High School before going to North Carolina for college, where he earned a degree in communications and lettered in football all four years as a defensive lineman, one of only three true freshmen to play in 1994; and

Whereas, during his college career, he compiled one hundred sixty‑two tackles and eleven sacks, and in 1998 he was a first‑round draft pick for the Green Bay Packers, with whom he set a rookie record of eight sacks and received numerous rookie awards; and

Whereas, he has played twelve very successful seasons in the National Football League, moving to the Kansas City Chiefs and the Miami Dolphins before starting with the Denver Broncos; and

Whereas, grateful for the opportunity to have an impact beyond the football field, he began the Vonnie Holliday Foundation in 2001, which assists children’s hospitals and the Camden High School Bulldogs’ football camp with visits and fund‑raising activities; and

Whereas, his influence and impact on Kershaw County have been enlarged through his association with the United Way Campaign there; and

Whereas, the proud parents of two fine children, Mr. Holliday and his beloved wife, Eboni, currently make their home in Atlanta, Georgia, with daughter Kali and son Joey; and

Whereas, with grateful appreciation, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges Vonnie Holliday’s extensive generosity to the people of Kershaw County and our great State, and the members extend best wishes for Mr. Holliday’s continued success in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, honor and recognize Dimetry Giovonni “Vonnie” Holliday for his celebrated career as a professional football player and for his outstanding contributions to the betterment of Kershaw County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Vonnie Holliday.

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