**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND GEORGE GLYMPH, RETIRED HEAD BASKETBALL COACH OF COLUMBIA’S EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM UPON THE DEDICATION OF THE EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL GEORGE GLYMPH ARENA, NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina General Assembly honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great State’s most precious resource, its youth; and

Whereas, George Glymph, retired head basketball coach of Eau Claire High School, stands among their number as an outstanding educator, one much admired in his several capacities as coach, administrator, teacher, and role model for his students; and

Whereas, a Columbia native, George Glymph graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1961, having earned the rank of second in his class and a berth on his school’s state championship basketball team; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, he studied at Benedict College, from which he graduated with honors in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. He later earned his master’s degree in education from the University of South Carolina, again with honors; and

Whereas, after serving as an assistant coach, George Glymph became the head basketball coach at Eau Claire High School, where he embarked on a legendary career. During his twenty‑seven years of coaching at the school, he was named Coach of the Year twenty‑five times in basketball, track and field, and cross‑country track. His basketball teams at Eau Claire built an impressive record of 471‑135 and five state championships. Coach Glymph also served as head coach for five national high school All‑Star games and sent numerous players to the collegiate and professional ranks, including Indiana Pacers star Jermaine O’Neal, with whom he later worked professionally; and

Whereas, Coach Glymph joined the New York Knickerbockers coaching staff in January 2004. Previously, he had spent three years on the staff of the Pacers, after a year in a similar capacity with the Portland Trail Blazers; and

Whereas, George Glymph received many awards during his long career, including being twice named Teacher of the Year. His many sports awards and honors include selection as an Olympic Torchbearer for the 1996 Summer Olympics and induction into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame, South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, Beach Ball Classic Hall of Fame, South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Benedict College Athletic Hall of Fame, and Richland School District One Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, in addition, the University of South Carolina Colonial Center named the George Glymph Room in his honor; and

Whereas, Coach Glymph held everyone to high standards and insisted his players maintain a C average or better to remain on his team. Despite his demanding schedule, he left his classroom doors open after school Monday through Friday for tutoring; and

Whereas, a man of faith, George Glymph is an ordained elder at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia. He and his wife of more than forty years, Betty, still reside in Columbia and are blessed with two children and six grandchildren; and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding career, Eau Claire High School recently named its new George Glymph Arena in his honor, the new facility’s dedication ceremony having taken place on August 30, 2009; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate George Glymph on this latest honor, and the members convey their deepest appreciation for his long years of distinguished service and leadership as an educator and for setting the bar high for those who have followed him. 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, commend George Glymph, retired head basketball coach of Columbia’s Eau Claire High School, for his outstanding career accomplishments, and recognize him upon the dedication of the Eau Claire High School George Glymph Arena, named in his honor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to George Glymph.

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