**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE G. DOUGLAS LOWE, HEAD BASKETBALL COACH OF SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON JUNE 30, 2010, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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, G. Douglas “Doug” Lowe, retiring head basketball coach of Spartanburg High School, stands among their number as an outstanding educator, one much admired in his capacity as both coach and role model for his students; and

Whereas, over the past thirty‑four years, Coach Lowe has mentored thousands of young athletes, inspiring them to produce the caliber of play that made Viking basketball one of the powerhouses in the state; and

Whereas, a standout basketball star in college, Lowe graduated from Wofford College in 1975, and was inducted into that school’s Hall of Fame in 1986; and

Whereas, a former assistant coach, Doug Lowe became head coach of the Vikings in 1979. Over his successful coaching career, he guided the team to a 626‑212 record, received seventeen Region II AAAA titles, played in state finals in 1987, 1989, 2002, and 2008, and won one state championship in 2002. On January 2, 2009, Coach Lowe reached a coaching milestone when he won his six hundredth career game with a 95‑77 victory over York; and

Whereas, in a career lasting just over three decades, Coach Lowe has never had a losing season; and

Whereas, Doug Lowe also has received recognition as Region II AAAA Coach of the Year fifteen times, was named South Carolina Basketball Coach of the Year in 1987, and South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Basketball Coach of the Year in 2002; and

Whereas, in tribute to Doug Lowe and his long career, Spartanburg athletic director Myles Wilson offered this accolade: “His record speaks volumes. He put Spartanburg High School basketball on the map and has had a great impact in his kids’ lives. Doug was always tough on his team in games and at practices, but when those kids walked out the door to go home, they always knew that Coach Lowe was on their side. He takes care of them like they are his kids”; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of achievement extraordinarily high in his profession, Doug Lowe will be remembered with affection and gratitude by students, parents, colleagues, and legislative friends for years to come. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate G. Douglas Lowe, head basketball coach of Spartanburg High School, upon the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2010, commend him for his many years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to G. Douglas Lowe.

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