**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR COACH ROBERT REEDER OF SPARTANBURG FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO SPORTS IN THE SPARTANBURG AREA AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE SUCCESS OF THE EXPRESS LANE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB.

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the contributions and community service of its citizens, and Robert Reeder is certainly one such South Carolinian worthy of recognition; and

Whereas, a native of Greenville, Coach Reeder has been coaching sports for over four decades. Beginning in the mid-seventies he first began coaching with Greenville’s Southside Youth Organization; and

Whereas, after transferring to Spartanburg, he enjoyed coaching little league football where his coaching ability became evident; and

Whereas, he was involved in Industrial Basketball with Milliken and Company, track and field with the Spartanburg County Brotherhood Association, and softball and basketball with Zion Hill Baptist Church leagues; and

Whereas, he coached for the Salvation Army Cowboys and the Amazing Forty-Niners little league football team. His love of the game and the athleticism of the boys who played it led him to follow the players to Carver Junior High School and beyond; and

Whereas, a caring and compassionate man, Coach Reeder reached out to support the athletes and together with Coach Bernard Casey formed the Express Lane Track and Field Club; and

Whereas, the Express Lane Track and Field Club is a nonprofit community-based organization managed by volunteers which creates a partnership with the community to develop activities to encourage today’s youth to strive to achieve their greatest potential in athletics and in life; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to acknowledge the many and varied contributions that Coach Robert Reeder has made in the lives of so many young people of our State. This South Carolina son sets a shining example for all the citizens of our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Coach Robert Reeder of Spartanburg for his commitment and dedication to sports in the Spartanburg area and recognize his contributions toward the success of the Express Lane Track and Field Club.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Coach Robert Reeder.

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