**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. JACK THOMPSON FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL TALENT AS A BASKETBALL PLAYER AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Mr. Jack Thompson played point guard on the University of South Carolina’s men’s basketball team from 1966 until 1968 under the leadership of Coach Frank McGuire; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson is considered by many to be the best passer in the history of Gamecock basketball; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson played in 63 games during his three years with the Gamecocks; scored 686 points, which resulted in a points per game average of 10.9; and averaged 4.67 assists per game, which remains the third highest average in the history of Gamecock basketball; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson’s efforts on the court contributed to the Gamecocks overall record of 52‑27 during his tenure; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson was the Atlantic Coast Conference All‑Tournament selection in 1967 and 1968, was selected as Second Team All ACC in 1967, and served as team captain in 1967 and 1968; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson and his teammate, Skip Harlicka, combined to form what many still consider to be the greatest back court in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and both were selected as first round draft picks in the 1968 National Basketball Association Draft and chosen among the top five guards in the country; and

Whereas, after college, Jack Thompson played professionally for the Indiana Pacers in the American Basketball Association; and

Whereas, Jack Thompson was inducted into the University of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999 and into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Jack Thompson for his exceptional talent as a basketball player and his contributions to the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Jack Thompson.

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