**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GARY FREEMAN OF WINNSBORO, PIT MASTER OF CAN’T QUIT SMOKING, ON HIS TEAM’S FIRST‑PLACE FINISH IN THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA BARBEQUE ASSOCIATION MASTER BARBEQUE COMPETITION, AND TO CONGRATULATE MR. FREEMAN AND HIS FELLOW CHEFS ON BEING NAMED 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPION BARBEQUE TEAM.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Gary Freeman of Winnsboro, pit master of Can’t Quit Smoking, has led his team to a first‑place finish in the 2011 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition, a feat that brings with it the title of 2011 South Carolina State Champion Barbeque Team; and

Whereas, in order to find its champion, the South Carolina Barbeque Association conducts a yearlong contest over the entire State of South Carolina through more than thirty different barbeque events, a proceeding unique in this nation in barbeque competitions; and

Whereas, each team that enters these contests amasses points, depending on the team’s placement in the contests; and

Whereas, the total points are tallied each year, and the team with the highest number of points is the winner of the Master Barbeque Award, this year so tastily captured by Mr. Freeman and Can’t Quit Smoking after competing against 181 other teams; and

Whereas, to honor the 2011 winners, a ceremony was held at the State House on Friday, February 3, 2012, at which time the winners received awards and cash prizes; and

Whereas, Mr. Freeman and his team’s victory is the more praiseworthy in that they won against truly stiff competition from around the State, a testimony to the fact that good barbeque may be found in all parts of South Carolina; and

Whereas, grateful for the South Carolina Barbeque Association’s positive labors to showcase one of this great state’s most delectable assets, the Senate takes great pleasure in pausing in its deliberations to congratulate Gary Freeman and Can’t Quit Smoking for their first‑place finish in the 2011 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Gary Freeman of Winnsboro, pit master of Can’t Quit Smoking, on his team’s first‑place finish in the 2011 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition, and congratulate Mr. Freeman and his fellow chefs on being named 2011 South Carolina State Champion Barbeque Team.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Gary Freeman and his team, Can’t Quit Smoking.

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