**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHAMPION GOLFER DUSTIN JOHNSON OF HORRY COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL GOLF, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED *THE* *STATE* NEWSPAPER’S 2010 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, born on June 22, 1984, in Columbia, Dustin Johnson showed an early aptitude for golf, playing as a member of the 2002 Class AAAA state championship golf team from Dutch Fork High School in his hometown; and

Whereas, as a college athlete at Coastal Carolina University, he continued to prove the truth of his early promise, bringing home the top prize as a senior from the 2007 Northeast Amateur, Monroe Invitational, Big South Conference, and Augusta State Invitational, in addition to the championships he won in his earlier college years. His performance netted him a place among the 2007 NCAA First Team All Americans; and

Whereas, during this time, he also became the all‑time scoring leader at Coastal Carolina University (72.26), and he still holds the lowest season scoring average in Coastal Carolina history (70.40). He finished in the top ten in thirty‑one collegiate events entered at Coastal Carolina and shot 80 rounds of par or better, including 10 rounds of 67 or lower during his collegiate career; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnson has captured four PGA Tour victories since he turned professional in 2007, namely the 2010 BMW Championship, 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro‑Am, 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro‑Am, and 2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship; and

Whereas, his most recent other professional highlights include the T‑3 2010 Northern Trust Open, T‑4 2009 Deutsche Bank Championship, T‑4 2009 HP Byron Nelson Championship, T‑10 2009 PGA Championship, T‑10 2009 Northern Trust Open, and the 11th 2009 Mercedes Benz Championship; and

Whereas, Dustin Johnson’s third PGA Tour victory came after only 61 starts, making him the only American twenty‑five years old or younger with three victories. Moreover, he is now the first player since Tiger Woods to go straight from college and win in each of his first three years on the PGA Tour; and

Whereas, in 2010, Dustin Johnson went from rising star to internationally known celebrity, winner of two tournaments and approximately $4.5 million (a figure that placed him fourth on the PGA Tour Official Money List), and recognition as *The State*’*s* South Carolina Professional Athlete of the Year; and

Whereas, for all his worldwide fame, this golfing sensation never forgets his roots. He has donated thousands of dollars to Coastal Carolina’s golf program, and this year his Dustin Johnson Foundation became sponsor for the South Carolina Junior Golf Association’s Players Championship and provided funds for the SCJGA’s Golf in Schools and Players Assistance programs; and

Whereas, the General Assembly takes great pleasure in commending Dustin Johnson on his distinguished career in professional golf, and the members look forward to hearing of his further accomplishments in the days ahead. 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, recognize and honor champion golfer Dustin Johnson of Horry County for his outstanding achievements in the world of professional golf, and congratulate him on being named *The* *State* newspaper’s 2010 Professional Athlete of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dustin Johnson.

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