**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH EARL D. BROWN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF COACHING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Coach Earl D. Brown will be honored on Saturday, May 19, 2012, as he begins a well‑deserved retirement after serving as the athletic director, head basketball coach, and head football coach for Burke High School in Charleston County since 1982; and

Whereas, the sixth of fourteen children born to the late Allen and Rosalee Brown, he graduated from C. A. Brown High School in 1965 and earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Savannah State College in 1969, where he lettered in football all four years; and

Whereas, he began his teaching and coaching career in 1969, first at Alston High School, then Mt. Pleasant Academy, and James Island High School, before returning to his *alma mater* for ten years from 1972 to 1982; and

Whereas, since 1982, he has served as the athletic director of Burke High School in Charleston County, and he currently serves as the head football coach and head boys basketball coach; and

Whereas, he is ranked as the fifth winningest boys’ basketball coach in the State of South Carolina, having won more than twenty regional titles and five times being runner‑up for the state title, with more than thirty appearances in the state play‑offs; and

Whereas, he has accumulated 694 wins in boys basketball and was twice named Lowcountry Coach of the Year and Region Coach of the Year over fifteen times, and in 2009, he was named both football and basketball Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of forty‑three years, Georgie Randall Brown, he has two fine sons, Earl II and Kevin, and a loving daughter, Kimberly, who have blessed their parents with three wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Coach Brown is a faithful member of Jerusalem Baptist Church where he serves on the senior choir, the gospel choir, and the male choir; and

Whereas, he is also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Gothic Lodge 212; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of dedication that Coach Earl D. Brown has devoted to the education and athletic training of the youth in the Palmetto State and celebrate with friends and family his illustrious career as he begins a well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Coach Earl D. Brown upon the occasion of his retirement after more than forty years of coaching high school football and basketball.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Earl D. Brown.

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