**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JEROME PHILLIP SINGLETON, JR., FOR HIS ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR CAPTURING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 100‑METER RACE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE TRACK AND FIELD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Jerome Phillip Singleton won the gold medal in the 100 meters at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Track and Field World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, on January 23, 2011; and

Whereas, a native of Greenwood, Jerome Singleton lost his right foot when he was just a year and a half old in the wake of a birth defect; and

Whereas, his parents, Jacqueline and Jerome Singleton, taught him the value of hard work and dedication, a lesson which he seemed to learn well considering his grade‑point average of better than 4.0 from Dutch Fork High School, while playing football and basketball and running track; and

Whereas, his senior year, he received the South Carolina High School League Scholar Athlete Award for Outstanding Athletic and Academic Achievement; and

Whereas, after graduation in 2004, he attended Morehouse College where he took a double major in mathematics and applied physics, and then he transferred to the University of Michigan to complete a dual degree with Morehouse and added industrial engineering to his majors; and

Whereas, in 2005, Jerome Singleton served as an intern at NASA’s Glenn Research Center where he worked on the Oil‑Free Turbomachinery project that would be used to implement the Mars landing; and he helped to update a Stereo‑Imaging Vescroscopy (SIV) System used for the early detection of cataracts; and

Whereas, in 2007, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and through Yale University conducted research in high‑energy particle physics at the world‑renowned research facility, CERN/European Organization for Nuclear Physics in Geneva, Switzerland, and then took courses in discrete probability and mathematical physics at IAS/Park City Math Institute in Park City, Utah; and

Whereas, throughout these rigorous academic pursuits, he has continued his athletic competition with little time for training, and since 2006, he has garnered no fewer than fifteen medals in national and international competitions in the T44 classification for amputees below the knee; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, he bested one of the world’s most famous racers, South Africa’s Oscar Pistorius, by out‑leaning him at the tape at the finish line to take the gold medal in the 100‑meters of the IPC Athletics World Championships; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the standard of excellence that Jerome Phillip Singleton has set in academics and athletics and look to hear of his future success. 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 Jerome Phillip Singleton, Jr., for his athletic, academic, and career achievements and congratulate him for capturing the gold medal in the 100‑meter race at the International Paralympic Committee Track and Field World Championships.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jerome Phillip Singleton, Jr.

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