**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOHN JONES, SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2013 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR IN BOYS TRACK AND FIELD BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS COACHES ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that John Jones, Spring Valley High School track coach, has been named 2013 National Coach of the Year for boys track and field by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association; and

Whereas, now in his thirty‑third year with the Spring Valley Vikings, Coach Jones was recognized on Saturday, May 17, 2014, on being selected to receive the coveted National Coach of the Year award, for which he was nominated after leading the Vikings to the Class AAAA state title in 2013; and

Whereas, known across this great State for his team’s competitiveness, sound fundamentals, and sportsmanship, Coach Jones has led the Vikings to high success both on and off the court; and

Whereas, Coach Jones did not hesitate to give credit to those who assisted him in reaching the pinnacle, praising them with these words: “More than just what it says about me is what it says about our program, because you can’t do this alone. You’ve got to have great athletes and then great coaches, and I’ve been fortunate to have great coaches, like Rick Crumpler, with me almost the entire time. That combination is really what’s allowed me to build up the kind of record that would put me in the running for this award”; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate, appreciative of John Jones’s gifts as both track coach and mentor to young people, take great pleasure in recognizing him on receiving this, his latest accolade, the 2013 National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association National Coach of the Year award for boys track and field. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate John Jones, Spring Valley High School track coach, on being named 2013 National Coach of the Year in boys track and field by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach John Jones.

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