**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE HALLIE BRYANT ON HIS MULTIFACETED CAREER AS A WORLD FAMOUS HARLEM GLOBETROTTER, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL STANDOUT, TEAM ADMINISTRATOR, AUTHOR, AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, South Carolina native Hallie Bryant has built a career that admirably showcases his various talents and has allowed him to succeed as a basketball icon, team administrator, writer, and motivational speaker; and

Whereas, born to Calvin and Julia Bryant in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, Hallie suffered the loss of his mother when he was only five years old. After Mrs. Bryant’s death, Hallie’s father remarried and moved his new wife, Katie, and Hallie’s four siblings to Indianapolis, Indiana; and

Whereas, having discovered his gifts as a basketball player, Hallie led Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis to its first Final Four high school tournament in 1951. He was Indiana’s “Mr. Basketball” in 1953 and a three‑year letter winner at Indiana University, where as a team captain he helped the Hoosiers achieve a Big Ten Championship in 1957; and

Whereas, after two years’ service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, Hallie Bryant joined the Harlem Globetrotters for what would be an extraordinary career lasting twenty‑seven years. During his thirteen years as a player, he visited more than eighty‑seven countries and then continued his relationship with the organization as an official spokesperson and director of team personnel; and

Whereas, since his retirement from the Globetrotters, Hallie has continued to spread his concepts of leadership, sportsmanship, and academic excellence, embarking on a new career as a motivational speaker; and

Whereas, in 2002, he published *Hallie*’*s Comet: Breaking the CODE‑‑What Successful People Know and What Others Are Trying to Find Out*, a self‑help book based on his experiences as an international basketball diplomat, speaker, and seminar facilitator; and

Whereas, on January 19, 2009, he was honored by the Globetrotters with the team’s Legends award, Hallie being only the twenty‑eighth such honoree in the Globetrotters’ long history to receive this distinction. In addition, he is a member of the basketball halls of fame for both the state of Indiana and Indiana University; and

Whereas, Hallie, who has weathered many life crises, has proved an inspiration to many as he has met, and risen above, each challenge; and

Whereas, appreciative of the contributions that have encouraged, instructed, and entertained a wide spectrum of the world’s population, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in saluting Palmetto State native son Hallie Bryant. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Calhoun Falls native Hallie Bryant on his multifaceted career as a world famous Harlem Globetrotter, high school and collegiate basketball standout, team administrator, author, and motivational speaker, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Hallie Bryant.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑