**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGE KING AND GARY FREEMAN OF WINNSBORO, PIT MASTERS OF CAN’T QUIT SMOKIN’, ON THEIR TEAM’S FIRST‑PLACE FINISH IN THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA BARBEQUE ASSOCIATION MASTER BARBEQUE COMPETITION, AND TO CONGRATULATE MR. KING, MR. FREEMAN, AND THEIR FELLOW CHEFS ON BEING NAMED THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPION BARBEQUE TEAM.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that George King and Gary Freeman of Winnsboro, pit masters of Can’t Quit Smokin’, have led their team to a first‑place finish in the 2012 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition, a feat that brings with it the title of the 2012 South Carolina State Champion Barbeque Team; and

Whereas, in order to find its champion, the South Carolina Barbeque Association conducts a yearlong contest over the entire State of South Carolina through more than thirty different barbeque events, a proceeding unique in this nation in barbeque competitions; and

Whereas, each team that enters these contests amasses points, depending on the team’s placement in the contests; and

Whereas, the total points are tallied each year, and the team with the highest number of points is the winner of the Master Barbeque Award, this year so scrumptiously captured by Mr. King and Mr. Freeman and Can’t Quit Smokin’; and

Whereas, to honor the 2012 winners, a ceremony will be held on March 25, 2013, at which time the winners will receive awards and cash prizes; and

Whereas, the victory for the Can’t Quit Smokin’ team is the more praiseworthy in that these chefs won the competition in 2011, and both times they were competing against truly stiff competition from around the State, a testimony to the fact that good barbeque may be found in all parts of South Carolina; and

Whereas, grateful for the South Carolina Barbeque Association’s positive labors to showcase one of the most delectable assets of the Palmetto State, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in pausing in its deliberations to congratulate George King, Gary Freeman, and Can’t Quit Smokin’ for their first‑place finish in the 2012 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor George King and Gary Freeman of Winnsboro, pit masters of Can’t Quit Smokin’, on their team’s first‑place finish in the 2012 South Carolina Barbeque Association Master Barbeque Competition, and congratulate Mr. King, Mr. Freeman, and their fellow chefs on being named the 2012 South Carolina State Champion Barbeque Team.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to George King, Gary Freeman, and their team, Can’t Quit Smokin’.

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