**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BASEBALL COACH BURT BAZZLE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR REACHING THE FIVE HUNDREDTH WIN OF HIS COACHING CAREER.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that on March 11, 2013, Coach Burt Bazzle reached the impressive milestone of five hundred wins in his career as head baseball coach at Summerville High School; and

Whereas, in 1986, Burt Bazzle became the head coach of the Summerville Green Wave baseball program, and among his many accomplishments with the baseball team, he skippered the Green Wave to a Class AAAA state championship in 2003; and

Whereas, the longtime Summerville baseball leader became only the ninth baseball coach in South Carolina High School League history to reach five hundred victories; and

Whereas, when Sawyer Bridges pitched a one‑hitter for the Green Wave on March 11 defeating Goose Creek 2‑0, Summerville presented Coach Bazzle with his win number five hundred and improved the team’s season to 4‑2; and

Whereas, throughout his twenty‑seven year tenure at Summerville, Coach Bazzle has attributed his success to his outstanding players and his coaching staff, like one of his current coaches Matt Spivey, who played on the 2003 team that won the state title; and

Whereas, other Summerville coaches have reached noteworthy benchmarks as well: John McKissick is the winningest football coach in high school history with six hundred one victories; Teresa Kendle is believed to be the only coach in high school history to win at least five hundred games in both basketball and volleyball; and Barbara Blanton coached for three decades after starting the Green Wave tennis program and is one of the winningest tennis coaches in state history with more than two hundred victories; and

Whereas, at fifty‑six years old, Coach Bazzle still has ample time to add to his record, and he has the inspiring example of Summerville athletic director, John McKissick, who is still serving at eighty‑six; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the life lessons that Coach Bazzle has imparted to so many young athletes under his tutelage and the recognition he has brought to Summerville High School and his community, and they look to hear of his continued accomplishments in the future. 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 Summerville High School head baseball Coach Burt Bazzle and congratulate him for reaching the five hundredth win of his coaching career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Burt Bazzle.

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