**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TIM WHIPPLE, IRMO HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BASKETBALL COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA COACH OF THE YEAR FOR BOYS BASKETBALL BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that Tim Whipple, Irmo High School head basketball coach, has been named 2013 South Carolina Coach of the Year for boys basketball by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association (NFHS Coaches Association); and

Whereas, a 1977 graduate of Erskine College, Tim Whipple received his bachelor’s degree in physical education and his master’s degree in secondary administration and supervision from the University of South Carolina. Having come to Irmo in 1979 after coaching JV basketball elsewhere for two years, he coached JV basketball at Irmo for two years before he took over the varsity program; and

Whereas, in 2013, Coach Whipple began his thirty‑third season as Irmo High School head basketball coach. Over the last thirty‑two campaigns, he has compiled an amazing record of 624‑249, and his teams have been to the state playoffs in twenty‑nine of his previous thirty‑two seasons; and

Whereas, Coach Whipple has accumulated a long list of achievements during his Irmo tenure, but none stand out more than the five South Carolina Class AAAA State Championships his teams have won. During an unprecedented and unmatched seven‑year stretch between 1989 and 1996, Coach Whipple guided the Yellow Jackets to the state title game six times and came away with the crown in 1991, 1994, and 1995. After a fifteen‑year absence, Irmo returned to the title game, and Coach Whipple added the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship trophy to his collection. The 2012‑2013 season proved to be the best in Irmo High School history, culminating with a fifth state championship and an undefeated season. Coach Whipple’s eight state championship game appearances stand as the most of any Class AAAA coach in state history; and

Whereas, known across the state for his team’s competitiveness, sound fundamentals, and sportsmanship, Coach Whipple has led the Yellow Jackets to enormous success on and off the court. He has been selected Region Coach of the Year on thirteen occasions. The Irmo program owns twelve region championships captured under Coach Whipple, highlighted by five undefeated seasons in region play. He has coached thirty‑five athletes who have played on the collegiate level. In October 2001, Coach Whipple was elected to the Erskine College Athletic Hall of Fame, and in April 2011 he was inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly, appreciative of Tim Whipple’s gifts as both basketball coach and mentor to young people, take great pleasure in recognizing him on receiving this, his latest accolade, the 2013 NFHS Coaches Association South Carolina Coach of the Year award for boys basketball. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Tim Whipple, Irmo High School head basketball coach, on being named 2013 South Carolina Coach of the Year for boys basketball by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Tim Whipple.

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