**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JUSTIN BETHEL OF THE ARIZONA CARDINALS ON HIS FINE NFL CAREER AND TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Justin Bethel, an NFL player with the Arizona Cardinals, has contributed valuable community service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, a 2008 graduate of Blythewood High School, Justin Bethel accepted a scholarship offer to play football at Presbyterian College. Having earned a degree in business administration at that institution, he segued a stellar college football career into a professional one when he was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals, with whom he is now in his third season; and

Whereas, Justin, a six‑foot, two‑hundred pound defensive back, has excelled during his career in the NFL, so much so that he was selected to play in the 2014 Pro Bowl; and

Whereas, very active in the Columbia community, Justin spends time visiting sick children at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital and, as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia, has taken disadvantaged children to Frankie’s Fun Park. In addition, he has donated time to sign autographs to benefit a child with muscular dystrophy. He also visits elementary schools, where he reads to students, and he is a regular supporter of Presbyterian College; and

Whereas, at times, his philanthropic spirit leads him beyond the borders of the United States, as when he joined several of his NFL colleagues to visit soldiers in Japan; and

Whereas, further, the multitalented Justin lends his musical gifts to the service of God in playing drums with his brothers in a Christian band; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Justin Bethel who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Justin Bethel of the Arizona Cardinals on his fine NFL career and recognize and commend him for his outstanding community service to the people of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Justin Bethel.

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