**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR COACH GARY ADAMS ON HIS NINE HUNDREDTH CAREER VICTORY AS COACH OF THE CRESCENT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM AND TO SALUTE HIM ON HIS RECORD AS THE WINNINGEST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Coach Gary Adams of Crescent High School recently notched his milestone nine hundredth girls softball coaching victory; and

Whereas, the win came as Crescent posted an 11‑0 shutout over Powdersville on Tuesday, March 11, 2014; and

Whereas, in 1976, the young Gary Adams arrived to coach the girls softball team at Crescent High. He came to Crescent well prepared for the job. A basketball and baseball standout at Bessemer City High School in North Carolina, he continued his basketball career at Anderson College and the University of North Carolina‑‑Asheville; and

Whereas, thirty‑eight years later, Coach Adams stands as the winningest coach in South Carolina high school girls softball history, a position he has held for some years and simply cemented even more firmly when he captured his nine hundredth victory; and

Whereas, this high‑octane coach has won twenty‑seven consecutive region championships, a national‑best nineteen state championships (including one last season), as well as another national‑best eleven consecutive state championships (1986‑1996). He also had success coaching basketball at Crescent, racking up two state championships in that sport; and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding achievements, Coach Adams was inducted into the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame in 2002, and, at about the same time, was inducted into the South Carolina High School League Hall of Fame. In addition, Crescent High School named its softball field in his honor in the late 1990s; and

Whereas, a man of great personal humility, Coach Adams deflects credit for his successes and gives a full meed of praise to his players and assistant coaches. He also finds strength for his duties in the strong support of his family: his wife, Kathy Adams; his two delightful daughters, Christi Adams Beard and Casey Adams Dombroski; and his five charming grandchildren; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for his dedication and excellence, takes great pleasure in recognizing Coach Gary Adams on this latest achievement, his nine hundredth high school girls softball victory. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Coach Gary Adams on his nine hundredth career victory as coach of the Crescent High School girls softball team and salute him on his record as the winningest high school girls softball coach in South Carolina history.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Gary Adams.

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