**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGE LEWIS COMPTON OF LAURENS COUNTY FOR HIS SUCCESS AND SKILL AS A BASS FISHERMAN AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE BASS FEDERATION/FORREST L. WOOD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were pleased to learn that George Lewis Compton won the Bass Federation/Forrest L. Wood (TBF/FLW) High School Open State Championship on March 9, 2014, on scenic Lake Russell; and

Whereas, George Compton and his fishing teammate, Hunter Bond, both sophomores at Laurens District High School (LDHS), were the highest finishing team from South Carolina, bagging four fish bags that weighed nine pounds and nine ounces total; and

Whereas, the Compton‑Bond team used a Carolina rig to catch the bulk of their fish during the tournament, but the rugged weather changes required all the anglers to stay focused all day; and

Whereas, with both of the top two teams bagging four live fish totaling the exact same weight, the Compton‑Bond team tied with Connor Giella and Zach Battle of Augusta, Georgia, which led to a registration date tie‑breaker to determine the overall champions and a win for the Georgia team. Both teams shared the Booyah Big Bag award, which goes to the team with the largest sack of fish each day at the tournament, and one‑year subscriptions to *Fishidy*; and

Whereas, the top ten teams will represent their respective schools at the Southeastern Conference Regional Championship and vie for a berth in the TBF/FLW Outdoors High School National Championship and a $10,000 scholarship prize; and

Whereas, successful in the classroom as well as on the lake, George Compton is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the Beta Club, and he was a 9th Grade Academic Top Ten; and

Whereas, he is also a member of the LDHS baseball team, fishing team, orchestra, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

Whereas, as well as fishing, he enjoys hunting, historical reading, the study of the Civil War and World War II, and photography; and

Whereas, he is a member of First Baptist Church of Laurens where he participates in the Youth Choir; and

Whereas, FLW Outdoors is the sanctioning organization for a series of sport fishing tournament tours, and the organization’s initials are taken from Forrest L. Wood, the founder of Ranger Boats and developer of the Ranger fishing boat; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the standard of excellence set by George Compton and looks to hear of his continued success in the day ahead. 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, recognize and honor George Lewis Compton of Laurens County for his success and skill as a bass fisherman and congratulate him for winning the 2014 South Carolina State Championship of The Bass Fisherman/Forrest L. Wood High School Open.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to George Lewis Compton.

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