**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY’S HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, DABO SWINNEY, FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to commend the exceptional work of Dabo Swinney as head football coach at Clemson University and to applaud his selection as National Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association, as well as by Home Depot ESPN, CBS Sports, Bear Bryant Award, Phil Steele, Sports Illustrated, Walter Camp Foundation, and Sporting News; and

Whereas, under Coach Swinney’s remarkable leadership, the Clemson Tigers claimed the 2015 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship title by defeating the University of North Carolina 45‑37; and

Whereas, a walk‑on wide receiver and three‑time letterman for the University of Alabama, Dabo Swinney is now the seventh winningest coach among active coaches with a 75‑27 record, a .735 winning percentage; and

Whereas, this year’s Orange Bowl victory over Oklahoma marked the fourth straight year of winning a bowl game over a coach with a national championship on his resume, the first Football Bowl Subdivision coach in history to do that; and

Whereas, since accepting the position as Clemson’s interim head coach in 2008, he has earned a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation; and

Whereas, after seven years as head coach of the Clemson Tigers, he defeated three Top 10 teams in 2015, joining Danny Ford as the only Clemson coach to do that in one season; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the esteem and respect that Dabo Swinney has brought to Clemson University and to the Palmetto State and look to hear of his future accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Clemson University’s head football coach, Dabo Swinney, for an outstanding season and congratulate him for being named National Coach of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Dabo Swinney.

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