**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BARRY HARLEY, GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED 2015‑2016 SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR, TO SALUTE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to educate the young people of this great State; and

Whereas, prominent in the roll call of such benefactors to our youth, Coach Barry Harley of Gilbert High School has sought for more than three decades to instill in his student athletes the skills and character traits necessary for success in the classroom, on the gridiron, and in the workplace; and

Whereas, his dedication and achievements recently were recognized when he received the coveted South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) Class AAA Athletic Director of the Year award for 2015‑2016; and

Whereas, Barry Harley began his long and successful career at Irmo, where he served as an assistant coach. In addition, he served as head coach at St. John’s High School in Darlington, at West Oak, and at Mid‑Carolina, as well as at Gilbert; and

Whereas, not one to just sit in a rocker after retiring, Coach Harley, as his next endeavor, plans to head eleven miles west on the Aiken‑Augusta Highway to his high school alma mater, Batesburg‑Leesville, where he will work as an assistant coach; and

Whereas, no doubt, working at his alma mater will bring back to Barry Harley memories of his own school days in Batesburg‑Leesville, where his parents still live. In that friendly town, he grew up, graduated from Batesburg‑Leesville High, and went on to gain a well‑deserved reputation as a credit to his hometown; and

Whereas, the Senate, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Coach Harley has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in congratulating him on receiving this latest accolade, the SCAAA Class AAA Athletic Director of the Year award. The members wish him all the best as he enters retirement and trust he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of 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 Barry Harley, Gilbert High School athletic director and head football coach, for his outstanding career as both coach and educator, congratulate him on being named 2015‑2016 South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association Class AAA Athletic Director of the Year, salute him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Barry Harley.

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