**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH AL LOWN OF SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL IN AIKEN COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE 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 Al Lown of Silver Bluff High School for thirty‑five years has sought 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, now in his twenty‑third season with the Bulldogs, Coach Lown presently anchors the Silver Bluff High School Athletic Department, serving as both athletic director and head football coach. Twenty‑three of his thirty‑five years in coaching and public education have been spent as head coach at Silver Bluff; and

Whereas, with an overall record of 212‑76, while head coach at Silver Bluff, Coach Lown has led his players to fourteen Region titles; eight appearances in the Lower State title game; two state championships; and two perfect seasons; and

Whereas, in addition, forty of his former players have received college football scholarships, and five have played in the NFL; and

Whereas, Coach Lown has had a profound, positive impact on hundreds of young people from New Ellenton, Jackson, Beech Island, North Augusta, and other parts of our great State during his thirty-five year career; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Coach Lown has bestowed on his players and on the schools where he has coached, the Senate takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he enters retirement and trusts 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 Coach Al Lown of Silver Bluff High School in Aiken County for his outstanding career as both coach and educator, congratulate 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 Al Lown.

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