**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MICHAEL WRIGHT, PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA COACH OF THE YEAR BY *HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT*.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Michael Wright, Pinewood Preparatory School head football coach, has been named 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA Coach of the Year by *High School Sports Report*; and

Whereas, a determined, dedicated Michael Wright took over as head coach for the Pinewood Panthers’ 2013 season as the third coach in three seasons at the school. Even after an initial winless season, he never wavered in his belief that he could turn the SCISA 3A program into a winner; and

Whereas, Coach Wright followed that first winless season with four wins in 2014, and in 2015 he built the Panthers into one of the biggest surprises in the Lowcountry: his team finished the season with an 11‑2 record and came in runner‑up for the state championship title; and

Whereas, he orchestrated this amazing transformation by staying positive, by convincing his players that football is fun and that with hard work they could be successful, and by working them steadily in Pinewood Prep’s strength and conditioning program; and

Whereas, the strength and conditioning program paid off beyond improvement on the gridiron; it likewise contributed to Pinewood’s capture of the SCISA state strength and speed competition last spring, since many members of the strength and speed team are also football players. Coach Wright gives full credit for his football team’s increase in skills and confidence to Pinewood’s strength and conditioning coach, Hayne Painter; and

Whereas, Pinewood Athletic Director Andy Morgan says of his head football coach, “This is a well‑deserved honor for Coach Wright, [who] continues the strong tradition of very talented athletic leaders here at Pinewood”; and

Whereas, Coach Wright will be recognized formally at the *High School Sports Report* banquet on February 21, 2016, to be held at Seawell’s in Columbia; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives, appreciative of Michael Wright’s gifts as both football coach and exemplar to his team, take great pleasure in recognizing him on receiving *High School Sports Report*’s 2015 SCISA Class AAA Coach of the Year award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Michael Wright, Pinewood Preparatory School head football coach, on being named 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA Coach of the Year by *High School Sports Report*.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Michael Wright.

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