**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JASON BOULAIS, PITCHER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT BASEBALL TEAM, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, University of South Carolina Beaufort baseball team’s pitcher, Jason Boulais, a senior from Cocoa Beach, Florida, has made a decision that may end his collegiate baseball career; and

Whereas, in October 2014, while on his way to the campus library, Jason walked past a “Be The Match” tent and was asked if he would like to be added to the national bone-marrow registry, and he agreed, whereupon a swab of the inside of his cheek was taken; and

Whereas, Jason received a call in February 2015 letting him know that he was a match for a young boy in France in need of a marrow transplant and asking him to give a blood sample for further testing, and further testing subsequently indicated that Jason was not only a match for the boy, but the best possible match; and

Whereas, although it meant that Jason would miss the last several baseball games during conference play in his senior year, Jason did not hesitate in making his decision, saying, “To give someone a second chance at life is much more important than me going out and playing five more games”; and

Whereas, Jason will have surgery to remove marrow from his body in April 2015; and

Whereas, Jason’s family and friends are grateful to know him and are proud of the selfless decision he made, a sentiment summed up well by the USC Beaufort baseball team’s head coach, Bryan Lewallyn: “Proud would be an understatement. These guys come here, and their parents entrust them to me. To be associated with a guy like Jason who goes out of his way to do something that he’ll probably never reap the rewards or benefit of, I don’t know that I can put it into words, to be honest”; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to honor Jason for this act of selfless devotion and bravery and appreciate the recognition he has brought to the need for bone-marrow donors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Jason Boulais, pitcher for the University of South Carolina Beaufort baseball team, and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jason Boulais.

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