**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM MANAGER ADAM SHERIFF FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS BELOVED TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THROWING OUT THE FIRST PITCH OF THE GAME.

Whereas, Adam Sheriff may have had only one opportunity to throw the first pitch of a baseball game, but he pitches the game of baseball to anyone who will listen; and

Whereas, he has always loved baseball and enjoyed nothing more when he was young than to play pitch with his father; and

Whereas, when autism prevented Adam Sheriff, now twenty‑seven, from playing baseball in school, his love of the game never waned; for many years, he has gotten the Greenville High Red Raiders ready before games by rubbing mud on the baseballs, getting the dugout ready, and pumping up the players; and

Whereas, every year Greenville High School baseball manager Adam Sheriff has a lucky charm for his Red Raiders’ baseball team: a lucky shirt or socks or beard, and this year he sports a lucky sleeve to all the games; and

Whereas, he cares deeply about the players and never misses any practices or games because he considers them his family and his life, and the players return his devotion; and

Whereas, Head Coach Joey Golinski wanted to recognize his team’s manager in a special way during Autism Awareness Month, and on Friday, April 24, 2015, Adam Sheriff got a once‑in‑a‑lifetime surprise. He found out what it is like to be the star player for one game; and

Whereas, at the start of the game against the Hillcrest High School Rams, Adam was called to home plate to be recognized as part of Autism Awareness Month. Then Coach Golinski sent him to the pitcher’s mound to throw out the first pitch of the game; and

Whereas, although he did not know he would be honored this way, his teammates had helped him prepare for the big pitch, and he pitched what looked to the umpires like a strike, his fastball over the inside corner; and

Whereas, after the honor ceremony and the pitch, Adam realized that all the players had doffed their game jerseys and donned special “Sheriff” jerseys, complete with the colors of autism arranged in the Superman S; and

Whereas, the players handed Adam his own “Sheriff” jersey, and he excitedly made the transformation into Superman for the night while he kept repeating, “I love this. I love this.” And, indeed, Adam Sheriff is loved by his favorite team and the entire Greenville High School community who are so privileged to be the beneficiaries of this extraordinary young man’s passion for America’s favorite pastime. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Greenville High School baseball team manager, Adam Sheriff, for his dedicated service to his beloved team and congratulate him for throwing out the first pitch of the game.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Adam Sheriff.

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