**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SAMUEL GOODWIN, FOUNDER AND PASTOR OF STEDFAST CHRISTIAN CENTER IN COLUMBIA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM, A FORMER FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL STANDOUT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE, ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME’S CLASS OF 2018.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Samuel Goodwin will be one of seven athletes inducted into the 2018 South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the state’s highest athletic honor, at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on May 14, 2018; and

Whereas, a native of Columbia, Pastor Goodwin earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education with a minor in biology in 1965 from South Carolina State College, now University; and

Whereas, considered one of the top athletes at South Carolina State (SC State) and a legend during his playing days from 1961 to 1964, Samuel “Herc” Goodwin played both football as a defensive lineman and basketball as an offensive guard; and

Whereas, among his many athletic accolades at SC State, he was voted Most Valuable Football Player for four years, Most Valuable Lineman for three years, and All‑Conference for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) for three years, and he was named to the Pittsburgh Courier All‑American Football Team in 1964. He also was honored as Most Improved Basketball Player in 1964 and Best All‑Around Athlete on campus; and

Whereas, after his college career, Mr. Goodwin commenced a teaching and coaching career at Brewer High School in Greenwood in 1965. He moved to Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia in 1967 and became head football coach in 1968. That year the Booker T. Washington team captured the state title and was undefeated; and

Whereas, in 1973, Coach Goodwin served as the linebacker coach and oversaw strength and conditioning training at SC State under Willie Jeffries, and the team earned six consecutive trips to bowl games during this tenure. Coach Goodwin followed Coach Jeffries to Wichita State University in 1979, where he served for three years. He ended his collegiate football career coaching at the University of South Carolina under Coach Richard Bell from 1982 to 1984; and

Whereas, in 1983, Pastor Goodwin founded Stedfast Christian Center, a teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, that seeks to build people to be settled and loving laborers, by bringing them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowering them to be steadfast in the Word of God as they fulfill their God‑given purpose and become resourceful laborers who represent Jesus Christ in the earth. He has devotedly served as its pastor for over three decades; and

Whereas, he became a life member of the South Carolina State University Alumni Association in 1994, served as the association’s chaplain from 2011 to 2015, and president of the Columbia Chapter from 2013 to 2015; and

Whereas, Sam Goodwin was honored with induction into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, the Richland County School District One Hall of Fame in 2013, the SIAC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014, and the SC State Health and Physical Education Hall of Fame in 2016; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife of more than half a century, the former Fannie Bland, reared five fine children: Johnny; Dianne; Sam, Jr.; Elgin; and Valerie. They have been blessed with four adoring grandchildren: Jaquinna, Katisha, Kayla, and Enoch; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud of the outstanding athleticism of Sam Goodwin that will be enshrined by his inclusion in the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Samuel “Sam” Goodwin, founder and pastor of Stedfast Christian Center in Columbia, and congratulate him, a former football and basketball standout for South Carolina State College, on his induction into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame’s class of 2018.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Samuel Goodwin.

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