**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE SOUTH CAROLINA SON CAMDEN RIVIERE FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WINNING THE 2016 REAL TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Camden Riviere has achieved the height of prestige in his sport by securing the title of 2016 Real Tennis World Champion, and the success of Camden’s illustrious sports career of nearly twelve years is evidenced by his ranking since 2013 as the number‑one real tennis player; and

Whereas, the game of real tennis was created in 1750. As the precursor to modern‑day tennis, real tennis is much the same as the more commonly known version of the sport. The major difference between modern‑day tennis and real tennis is the court on which each is played. Real tennis is played on a court surrounded by walls with sloped roofs known as penthouses, while modern‑day tennis is played in the open; and

Whereas, born in Charleston, real tennis world champion Camden Riviere spent his childhood and adolescent years in Aiken, where he began playing court tennis at the age of five. He started the sport while attending Aiken Preparatory School and continued to play through his time at Aiken High School until he turned professional at the age of seventeen; and

Whereas, through rigorous training and painstakingly cultivated strength, speed, and agility, Camden has also attained five US Open Singles and Doubles titles and seven consecutive US Professional Singles titles, in addition to the title of World Champion of Doubles; and

Whereas, Camden’s prowess successfully dethroned the previous Real Tennis World Champion title holder, who had managed to maintain his crown for twenty‑two years. Adding to the grandeur of this feat, Camden is the first American in forty‑two years to bring home this world title. Camden joins the ranks of only four other Americans to achieve the same triumph; and

Whereas, after persevering through a season‑ending injury in 2015, Camden showcased his hard work by capturing the coveted 2016 Real Tennis World Championship title with a score of 7 sets to 2, thus toppling longtime champ Rob Fahey. Camden, having fallen to Fahey two years prior, enjoyed success that allowed him to savor the sweet taste of redemption; and

Whereas, Camden has brought great joy and honor to his family, the Aiken community, and the Palmetto State through his laudable achievement, and all South Carolinians look forward to seeing further fruits of Camden’s talents. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate and celebrate South Carolina son Camden Riviere for his impressive accomplishment of winning the 2016 Real Tennis World Championship and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Camden Riviere.

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