**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE HUNTER RENFROW OF THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR HIS INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLEMSON’S SENSATIONAL WIN OF THE 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the pride of the entire Palmetto State, the Clemson University football team climaxed a fabulous 2016 season with an already‑legendary, never‑to‑be‑forgotten national playoff that lifted the Tigers to the top of the mountain and handed defeat to top‑ranked defending national champ Alabama; and

Whereas, Tampa, Florida, was the lucky town that hosted the national championship thriller between these two powerhouses, who had faced off a year ago for the same title. On January 9, 2017, Clemson fans crowded into every allotted seat at Tampa’s Raymond James Stadium to view what proved a riveting rematch. This time, they tasted sweet revenge for the Tigers’ 45‑40 loss to the Crimson Tide at the 2015 national playoff; this time, Clemson earned its first national title since 1981; and

Whereas, the 99th offensive play of Clemson’s national championship win against Alabama was the biggest for both Clemson and former walk‑on receiver Hunter Renfrow. With one second remaining and the Tigers trailing by three, quarterback Deshaun Watson found Renfrow on the right side of the end zone for a game‑winning touchdown that no doubt cements both players’ legacy at the university; and

Whereas, Watson, the star quarterback and two‑time Heisman Trophy finalist, was already going to go down as one of the greatest players to wear a Clemson uniform. But Renfrow became an unlikely success story. The 5‑foot‑11, 180‑pound Renfrow was a lettered quarterback and star baseball player at Socastee High School, being rated the No. 6 outfielder in South Carolina by Diamond Prospects, but he opted to walk on to the Clemson football program. After spending a redshirt season on the scout team in 2014, he earned a scholarship in 2015 and started to carve out a niche as a sure‑handed slot receiver. He came of age against Alabama in last year’s national title game, so it was no surprise that he played a critical part in Clemson’s 35‑31 victory this year; and

Whereas, yet Renfrow never expected to catch the game‑winning touchdown in the national championship. The wide receiver’s assessment of his Clemson football experience was a humble one: “I think my faith in God really got me through … Playing for a guy like Coach Swinney and a quarterback like Deshaun is pretty special”; and

Whereas, Renfrow was instrumental in putting the Tigers in a position to win the game in the first place. He scored a touchdown in the third quarter to pull the Tigers within three points of Alabama and helped earn a big first down on the final drive with 28 seconds remaining. At the final whistle, he had reeled in ten catches for 92 yards, and two touchdowns; and

Whereas, born the son of Tim and Suzanne Clemmons Renfrow in Horry County, Hunter grew up under the example of his coach dad and had as his top priorities faith, family, and football. The Myrtle Beach resident is an economics major at Clemson; and

Whereas, it’s clear that number 13 is not an unlucky number for Hunter Renfrow! The House takes great pleasure in commending this fine young athlete for his excellent work during the 2016 football season and is pleased to know he will be back next year to continue his stellar performance for Clemson football. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute Hunter Renfrow of the Clemson University football team for his indispensable contributions to Clemson’s sensational win of the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Hunter Renfrow.

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