**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOBBY BAKER, LONGTIME YOUTH BASKETBALL COACH AND CURRENTLY THE COACH OF WILSON HALL BASKETBALL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS SELECTION AS THE SUMTER YMCA’S 2016 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Bobby Baker was named the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year by the Sumter YMCA at the organization’s annual Mission in Action luncheon at the O’Donnell House on January 28, 2017; and

Whereas, recipients of the award demonstrate their dedication to the YMCA by advancing the vision and goal of the Sumter YMCA as servant leaders in the Sumter community; and

Whereas, honored as a member of the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame and named Sumter YMCA’s Coach of the Century for his work with Sumter’s youth, Mr. Baker enjoys the gratitude of all age groups in the Sumter community for his leadership and dedication; and

Whereas, while serving in the United States Army, he coached basketball before he spent fifty years coaching basketball to the youth of Sumter, and he has spent the past two years coaching the basketball team at Wilson Hall; and

Whereas Mr. Baker believes that God has given everyone talents and skills which He expects them to use, and when they can no longer use those skills themselves, he feels that they should teach them to others; and.

Whereas, for fifteen minutes before each practice begins, he talks to his players about the game of life, discussing such topics as religion, family, and other concerns in their lives unrelated to sports; and

Whereas, well‑known in the Sumter community for coaching young basketball players, Mr. Baker taught his players how to be young men and how to put their best effort forward at all times, even during practices; and

Whereas, he is no less passionate about the Sumter fire service to which he has also dedicated fifty years of service in the community; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor this son of South Carolina, and the members value the exemplary service of Bobby Baker and congratulate him on this well‑deserved honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Bobby Baker, longtime youth basketball coach and currently the coach of Wilson Hall basketball, and congratulate him for his selection as the Sumter YMCA’s 2016 Humanitarian of the Year

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Bobby Baker.

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