**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND PHYLLIS GRIGGS FOR HER INDEFATIGABLE SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF HARTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑EIGHT YEARS AND TO WISH HER THE GREATEST CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina find it altogether necessary to pause in their deliberations to honor a woman who has dedicated her life to the betterment of the children of our great State, Phyllis Griggs; and

Whereas, Phyllis Griggs is a 1975 graduate and former athlete of Hartsville High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and health from Winthrop University in 1979. While attending Winthrop, she was a member of the ladies tennis team. She went on to receive her Master of Sport Science degree from the United States Sports Academy in 1991; and

Whereas, in 1980, Phyllis began her career teaching and coaching at Hartsville High School, returning to her alma mater. She coached for twenty‑four years, heading up girls’ tennis, basketball, track, softball, soccer, and boys’ tennis; and

Whereas, during her career, she has taught physical education and comprehensive health; and

Whereas, her efforts earned her numerous Coach of the Year awards, and her teams consistently made it to the State playoffs under her able eye and tutelage; and

Whereas, in 2004, Coach Griggs gave up all of her coaching duties to become the athletic director. She has remained in this position for the last thirteen years; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association named her Region VI AAAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2008, and in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, she was named the same for Region VI AAA. Coach Griggs was further honored with earning the AAA Athletic Director of the Year title in 2012; and

Whereas, in 2017, High School Sports Report named her the Athletic Administrator of the Year, and in 2018, she was further recognized with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association. Recently, Coach Griggs has been honored with the announcement that the softball complex on campus will be named Phyllis Griggs Park in recognition of her years of dedication and service; and

Whereas, she is a member of the Hartsville Rotary Club, Wesley United Methodist Church, and serves on the board at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center. She enjoys hanging out at “The Retreat,” just being out on the water, and spending time with her rescue dog, Mac; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the Palmetto State are grateful for the countless hours Phyllis has committed to her student‑athletes and wish her much joy and success in her well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend Phyllis Griggs for her indefatigable service to the students of Hartsville High School on the occasion of her retirement after thirty‑eight years and wish her the greatest continued success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Phyllis Griggs.

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