**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEE HANEY, FOUNDER OF THE HANEY HARVEST HOUSE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS LEGENDARY BODYBUILDING CAREER AND FOR HIS DESIRE TO GIVE BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Lee Haney, an icon in the fitness industry with more than thirty years of experience as a highly‑regarded champion of fitness and nutrition, has been mentoring young boys to be successful through the Haney Harvest House for twenty‑five years; and

Whereas, reared in Spartanburg, Mr. Haney earned a bachelor’s degree in youth counseling from Spartanburg Methodist College and between 1984 and 1991, was crowned Mr. Olympia eight times, surpassing Arnold Schwarzenegger’s record of seven. Haney’s record has been tied but never passed; and

Whereas, over the years, his focus has turned to educating others. Revered among his peers for his comprehensive personal training techniques, he has trained such professional athletes and celebrities as Evander Holyfield, Shawn Bradley, and Gary Sheffield and has served as a consultant for some of the largest nutritional‑supplement companies in the world; and

Whereas, a devout born‑again Christian, Mr. Haney hosts his own program on the Trinity Broadcasting Network called *TotaLee Fit with Lee Haney*, teaching the importance of both physical and spiritual growth. Drawing on his extensive knowledge in the fitness field and his experience as a professional bodybuilder, he also created the International Association of Fitness Science, a training program to educate trainers on use of the science he calls “functional training”; and

Whereas, among his numerous awards and recognitions, he has received proclamations from three cities and distinguished acknowledgments from the United States Sports Academy and the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as chairman of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; and

Whereas, in 1993, Mr. Haney and his wife purchased a forty‑acre farm near their home in Fairburn, Georgia, and created the Haney Harvest House, a nonprofit retreat facility for children of all races, creeds, and nationalities; and

Whereas, in order to be a part of the mentoring program at the Haney Harvest House, boys must have no criminal record and come from a single‑parent household without a father. Mr. Haney and his volunteer staff become cheerleaders for each boy who enters the program; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that Lee Haney has brought to the State of South Carolina through his distinguished bodybuilding career, and the members look to hear of his continued achievements in the days ahead. 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 Lee Haney, founder of the Haney Harvest House, and congratulate him for his legendary bodybuilding career and for his desire to give back to his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lee Haney.

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