**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MATTHEW AARON HOWARD FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to acknowledge Matthew Aaron Howard for his significant contributions on the University of Pennsylvania Men’s Varsity Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Matthew will graduate from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a concentration in Finance. He graduated from A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, South Carolina in May of 2013, having been a four-year letterman, team captain, two-time Most Valuable Player, and all-time leading scorer in the more than fifty year history of the school’s Boys Varsity Basketball program and having received numerous other team, local, regional, state, and national athletic and academic honors, including a McDonald’s All-American nomination; and

Whereas, Matthew played on the University of Pennsylvania Men’s Varsity Basketball Team for four seasons and in one hundred one games, scoring nine hundred sixty-five points, making four hundred sixty-six rebounds, completing one hundred six assists, and executing ninety-two steals. He received the team’s Newcomer Award in his freshman season and multiple citations for Ivy League Honor Roll throughout his team career; and

Whereas, Matthew, having been elected team captain in his senior season, was also honored as the team’s Most Valuable Player and recipient of the University of Pennsylvania’s Jackie Robinson Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports. He was also chosen All Ivy League Honorable Mention and All Big 5 Conference Second Team. He was named Ivy League Player of the Week in the final week of the regular season, after he set career highs in points, rebounds, and blocked shots in his one hundredth game at the University of Pennsylvania. He played in the starting lineup in all twenty-eight games and averaged thirty minutes of playing time per contest, leading the team with thirty-three steals and five double-doubles and scoring an average 12.5 points, including forty-one three-point baskets, and 6.8 rebounds per game in his senior season; and

Whereas, Matthew exemplifies many valuable traits and skills, including good character, teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and commitment; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Matthew Aaron Howard has brought to his school and State and look forward to hearing of his future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Matthew Aaron Howard for his accomplishments on the University of Pennsylvania Men’s Basketball Team.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Matthew Aaron Howard.

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