**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DAN RADAKOVICH FOR BEING NAMED THE 2017 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Dan Radakovich was named the 2017 Athletic Director of the Year; and

Whereas, the athletic director at Clemson University, Dan Radakovich received this recognition at the Sports Business Awards in May. Radakovich became the third athletic director from the ACC to be honored since the award’s inception in 2008. He was also named a finalist for the award in 2015; and

Whereas, during the 2016-2017 year, Clemson claimed the 2016 football national championship and won ACC titles in football, men’s golf, baseball, football, and women’s soccer; and

Whereas, Clemson student athletes posted a 91% graduation success rate, tying for sixth nationally among public schools, with five of Clemson’s programs achieving 100% graduation rates and 132 student athletes graduating in December and May. Student athletes recently tallied a school record 3.00 spring semester GPA, and six programs had perfect 1,000 NCAA APR scores; and

Whereas, financially, department revenue eclipsed $100 million for the first time in fiscal year 2017, up from $69 million in fiscal year 2014. The department has also completed nearly $200 million in capital projects since 2014 while maintaining reserve levels; and

Whereas, launched in 2008, Sports Business Awards were established by SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily to celebrate and recognize the leaders, visionaries, and day-to-day practitioners who personify excellence in the business of sports. Dan Radakovich was recognized for his excellence and outstanding achievement in the business of sports; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the dedication and commitment that Dan Radakovich has shown in serving Clemson University and the State of the South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dan Radakovich for being named 2017 Athletic Director of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dan Radakovich.

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