**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BOBBY YOUNG UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY‑EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge the significant contributions that Bobby Young has made to the development of young people in the Palmetto State throughout his outstanding career as an educator and coach; and

Whereas, after graduating from Elizabeth Heights High School in Chester County, Bobby Young entered Allen University where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He later earned a master’s degree from New York University and a Masters Plus 30 from the SC Department of Education; and

Whereas, Young began his career with the Columbia High Capitals in 1982, at a time when girls basketball was not a focus on the high school level. There had been seven coaches in the three years prior to Young accepting the position as the girls varsity basketball coach, and those seasons had been quite unsuccessful, yielding many losses; and

Whereas, dedicated to the program and the young people of Richland County, Coach Young was able to turn the program around. He led his teams to win state titles in 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2004 with runner‑up finishes in 2002, 2003, and 2012. Young finished his career with the Lady Capitals with a 570‑178 record, over twenty region titles, two regional tournament championship titles, and three regional championship titles. Further, there was a time in which his teams won more than twenty games for twenty straight seasons; and

Whereas, recognized for his great coaching abilities, Young was honored with both local and statewide accolades including Richland County School District One Coach of the Year in 2004, twice as the State Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Coaching Association, Regional Coach of the Year twenty times throughout his coaching career, and four times as the All‑Area Coach of the Year by The State Newspaper. In 2010, he was inducted into the Allen University Athletic Hall of Fame class as a baseball player and a coach and was a 2011 inductee into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Additionally, Young was selected to coach several all‑star and national showcase games; and

Whereas, with a strong commitment to excellence in his chosen profession, he has held membership in numerous professional organizations, including the South Carolina Coaches Association, the South Carolina High School League, the South Carolina Education Association, and the Richland County Education Association; and

Whereas, during Young’s well‑earned retirement, he looks forward to spending more time with his family: his loving wife, Mary Moseley Young; his two daughters, Dr. Vicki M. Young and Dr. Traci Young Cooper; and three beautiful grandchildren, Carlisle Carrington, Chandler Christina, and Noble P. Cooper III; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of committed service to the young people of South Carolina, particularly the students at Columbia High School, the South Carolina General Assembly takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Bobby Young as he transitions to retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Bobby Young upon the occasion of this retirement, commend him for his thirty‑eight years of dedicated service to Columbia High School, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

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

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