**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE JAVON HARGRAVE FOR HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AS A DEFENSIVE LINEMAN WITH THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize Javon Hargrave for his outstanding career in football; and

Whereas, a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, Javon Hargrave graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors, with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Communication, from South Carolina State University in 2016; and

Whereas, as a defensive lineman with South Carolina State, Javon started all forty-seven games in four seasons and led the team in tackles for loss and sacks in 2014‑15. He set the school record with 6.5 sacks in a single game and led the nation in tackles for loss in 2014, with 23.5, along with 16 sacks; and

Whereas, as a college athlete, Javon received a number of honors and awards, including All‑Mid‑Eastern Athletic Conference First Team honors, Mid‑Eastern Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year in back‑to‑back seasons, Sheridan Broadcasting Network’s Mel Blount National Defensive Player of the Year in back‑to‑back seasons, Box‑to‑Row National Defensive Player of the Year in back‑to‑back seasons, and placement on numerous All‑American teams, notably by the Associated Press, Stats FCS, Boxtorow, Sheridan Broadcasting Network, Walter Camp, and Sports Madness; and

Whereas, in the 2016 National Football League Draft, Javon was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third round. He was picked eighty-ninth overall; and

Whereas, in his career with the Steelers, Javon has seen action in forty-seven contests during the regular season, with thirty-nine starts. He has tallied 108 tackles, 71 of which were solo, and 10.5 sacks in his time with the team; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Javon Leonard has brought to the State of South Carolina and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by this talented athlete. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Javon Hargrave for his illustrious career as a defensive lineman with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Javon Hargrave.

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