**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COACH FRANNY RIVERS SLAY, ASHLEY HALL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND VOLLEYBALL COACH, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR AN OUTSTANDING COACHING CAREER.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize Coach Franny Rivers Slay for her significant accomplishments in leading young athletes in this State; and

Whereas, Coach Slay is an alumna of Ashley Hall, where she starred as a setter; the College of Charleston, where she was a featured defensive specialist, and The Citadel, where she earned a master’s degree in physical education and health; and

Whereas, Coach Slay began her coaching career as a volleyball assistant and coach for track and field, basketball, and softball, and she later became the head volleyball coach; and

Whereas, today, Coach Slay is the most successful coach in Ashley Hall’s history, the preeminent volleyball coach in the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, and one of the top coaches in the Southeast. Since Ashley Hall joined South Carolina Independent Schools Association in 1994, Coach Slay’s teams have won sixteen championships over twenty-eight years, including twelve state championships and four Palmetto Athletic Conference championships, and have reached the state finals in twenty‑one of the last twenty‑four seasons. As of October 23, 2018, she has amassed seven hundred eighty-five career wins at a seventy-seven percent win rate, ranking among the best ever of any South Carolina independent school coach in any sport; and

Whereas, Coach Slay also serves as Athletic Director, and in this role, she oversees an ambitious slate of twelve varsity sports, four junior varsity sports, and four Bantam sports. She is involved in budget management, team and class scheduling, facilities management, equipment procurement and maintenance, professional training, staff management, South Carolina Independent Schools Association conferences, monitoring student academic progress, parent and student meetings, and transportation duties. During her tenure as Athletic Director, Ashley Hall has won forty-one championships in tennis, track and field, softball, sailing, volleyball, golf, equestrian, and cross country and has provided opportunities for hundreds of girls to experience the benefits of sports; and

Whereas, Coach Slay’s success depends upon much more than expertise, training drills, or game strategy. The hallmarks of her leadership are teamwork, a positive attitude, respect, and desire; and

Whereas, in her dedication to Ashley Hall’s athletics, Coach Slay also attends every Ashley Hall sporting event she can and teaches physical education for Pre‑K through first grades every day; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Coach Franny Rivers Slay has brought to Ashley Hall, her community, and the State of South Carolina and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by this talented leader. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Coach Franny Rivers Slay, Ashley Hall Athletic Director and volleyball coach, and commend her for an outstanding coaching career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Franny Rivers Slay.

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