**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANDY VIRGIL FOR FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TO THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE NAMING OF THE SCHOOL’S STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ROOM IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Pickens High School Athletic Department has named its strength and conditioning room for a former Pickens High teacher and coach, Andy Virgil; and

Whereas, in 1965, Mr. Virgil moved to Pickens to join the coaching staff and to teach. For thirty‑five years, he taught accounting 1 and 2, economics, business math, business management, personal fitness, bookkeeping, record keeping, typing, and mechanical drawing; and

Whereas, for forty years, he coached football, JV boys’ basketball, boys’ track, and boys’ tennis. During the 1970s, he led the Pickens High School football team to an extraordinary 89‑10‑1 record, during which the team won 57 consecutive regular season games, a record that still stands in Palmetto State high school sports; and

Whereas, Coach Virgil was honored to serve as an offensive coach in the 2001 SCACA North‑South All‑Star football game, and in 2010, his contribution to Pickens High athletics was recognized with induction into the Pickens High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, in 1970, he designed the torch logo which has continued to be the symbol for Pickens High School, recognized throughout the community for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, an active part of the strength and conditioning program at the school, Coach Virgil helped to lead student‑athletes in the program, encouraged them by building their confidence, and gave them a sense of belonging and camaraderie; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply appreciates the lasting impact that Coach Virgil has had on so many young people in our great State to build championship‑caliber members in our communities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Andy Virgil for forty years of outstanding leadership to the Pickens High School athletic program and congratulate him upon the naming of the school’s strength and conditioning room in his honor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Andy Virgil.

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