**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH BOBBY PARNELL OF CLIO, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY COMMUNITY AND TO HIS PLAYERS, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives should pause in their deliberations to express deep gratitude to Coach Bobby Parnell for his significant contributions to the Clio community as he retires after fifty years of coaching; and

Whereas, after returning home from serving his country, Bobby Parnell saw a need in his community to help get the youth off the streets. His vision was to create a basketball league that would help youth build self‑esteem and positive attitudes, motivate them, and teach them how to effectively work with and communicate with others; and

Whereas, after meeting with Samuel McCollum and Franklin Harley to establish the rules and guidelines of the league, he then met with the community high school’s principal, Mr. Waddell, and made a plan to start a youth basketball league; and

Whereas, in 1970, at the start of Coach Parnell’s career, his team (the Brown Bombers) won the championship. In 2021, which marked five decades of consecutive coaching by Coach Parnell, the Brown Bombers also won the championship; and

Whereas, throughout his fifty year coaching career, Bobby Parnell has coached basketball, baseball, and football, and has won multiple championships in each sport and on different levels. He has helped produce some of the State’s top quality athletes and has helped shape the lives of Marlboro county’s youth; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Coach Parnell has eagerly devoted to the young athletes in Marlboro County, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 Coach Bobby Parnell of Clio, upon the occasion of his retirement after fifty years of outstanding services to the Marlboro County community and to his players, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

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

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