**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHERER HOPKINS, THE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AT CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COACHING, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Sherer Hopkins will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than two decades as the legendary and highly‑regarded head basketball coach at Clover High School; and

Whereas, born in Clover, Ms. Hopkins grew up while her father was the principal of Clover High School, and she graduated from Clover High in 1991 where she herself was a star for the Blue Eagles as a basketball player; and

Whereas, she played basketball at Francis Marion University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1996 and returned to Clover two years later to build the girls’ basketball program; and

Whereas, Coach Hopkins served the program for most of the next twenty‑four years. She took a year off during the 2007‑2008 season to spend more time with her family. In 2013, she took a year off to recover after surgery for a malignant tumor in her brain. She returned to coaching at Clover High School and to lead the team; and

Whereas, she earned her three hundredth career victory in a 58‑43 win over Virginia High School in 2019, and she led the Lady Blue Eagles to the first‑ever state championship title for girls’ basketball on March 20, 2021, by a score of 40‑38; and

Whereas, the 2020‑2021 season was particularly meaningful for Coach Hopkins. The team that season was led by several seniors, including the all‑time leading scorer for the program, Aylesha Wade, and on the team’s second consecutive appearance at the state championship game, they captured the elusive title; and

Whereas, Coach Hopkins leaves Clover High as the winningest coach in program’s history with an overall record of 306‑172, garnering ten regional titles, nine regional Coach of the Year awards, four state championship appearances, and the only state title in the program’s history. More importantly, she has been an outstanding role model for all of her student‑athletes; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of unparalleled dedication to Clover High School, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Sherer Hopkins as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish her many years of enjoyment in her 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 Sherer Hopkins, the head basketball coach at Clover High School, upon the occasion of her retirement after more than twenty years of outstanding coaching, and wish her continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sherer Hopkins.

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