**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE COACH MARK FREEZE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

Whereas, Coach Mark Freeze of Dorman and Laurens District High School will be inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Friday, March 26, 2021, in conjunction with the seventy-first annual North‑South All Star Game banquet at Seawell’s Restaurant in Columbia; and

Whereas, Coach Mark Freeze began his forty-year teaching and coaching career in 1978 at Laurens District High School. He served a total of twenty-eight years as the head boys’ coach at Laurens District High School and Dorman High School, and he also served Laurens District High School as athletic director and head basketball coach; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Coach Freeze’s teams from both schools amassed a 438‑283 record, and he led them to five Upper State Finals and the 1994 State Championship Game. The teams also won numerous region tournament titles and several holiday tournaments; and

Whereas, a leader in his profession, Coach Freeze has always been an active member of the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association, serving as the president in 1994‑95 and on the Board of Directors for fifteen years. Coach Freeze also served as an assistant and head coach for the North‑South All Star Game, head coach for the North‑Carolina/South Carolina All Star Game, and head coach for the Carolinas All Star Game; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Coach Freeze has received a number of honors and awards, including eleven Region Coach of the Year awards, three Spartanburg Herald Coach of the Year awards, two South Carolina Basketball Officials Association Coach of the Year awards, and the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Athletic Director of the Year for AAAAA; and

Whereas, Coach Freeze retired in 2017 and has been enjoying life in Laurens ever since; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Coach Mark Freeze has brought to his schools, his communities, and the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Coach Mark Freeze upon the occasion of his induction into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Mark Freeze.

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