**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE 1988 LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND FORMER NBA PLAYER STANLEY ROBERTS ON THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF HIS #53 LOWER RICHLAND BASKETBALL JERSEY, TO CELEBRATE HIM FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL BASKETBALL CAREER, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the jersey of former Lower Richland High School and NBA basketball standout Stanley Roberts will be retired on December 17, 2021; and

Whereas, Stanley Roberts brought big‑time basketball to the Lower Richland community. His career at Lower Richland High produced sold‑out games so large that they were hosted at the University of South Carolina Coliseum. This 1987‑1988 McDonald’s All‑American was the slam dunker who wowed the crowd for years, drew scouts, and created enthusiastic publicity for the game of basketball within Richland County School District One; and

Whereas, the young Stanley followed his successful high school basketball career with an outstanding collegiate one at Louisiana State University, where he played with Shaquille O’Neal and graduated with a degree in education. An ensuing professional career gave him prominence as a strong role model whose life promoted, and continues to promote, a positive message to the Lower Richland area, all of Richland One, and beyond; and

Whereas, professionally, in 1991 he was drafted into the NBA and played center for the Orlando Magics (1991‑1992), Los Angeles Clippers (1992‑1997), Minnesota Timberwolves (1997‑1998), Aris (1998‑1999), Houston Rockets (1999), Philadelphia 76ers (1999), Efes Pilsen (1999‑2000), San Diego Wildfire (2000‑2001), and Gallitos de lsabela (2004). Stanley’s career honors include being named to the NBA All‑Rookie Second Team (1992) and being selected as a First Team Parade All‑American (1988) and Third Team Parade All‑American (1987); and

Whereas, currently, Stanley serves as an educator in the Baton Rouge area; and

Whereas, proud of his fine achievements, the Senate takes great pleasure in saluting Stanley Roberts and in extending best wishes for the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate 1988 Lower Richland High School graduate and former NBA player Stanley Roberts on the occasion of the retirement of his #53 Lower Richland basketball jersey, celebrate him for his exceptional basketball career, and wish him much continued success and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stanley Roberts.

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