**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-19, 2012, AS COACH JOHN MCKISSICK WEEK IN HONOR OF BEING NAMED THE DON SHULA NFL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, Summerville High School Athletic Director and football coach John McKissick has been named the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Dorchester County, the Town of Summerville, and Dorchester School District Two are declaring the week of February 13‑19, 2012, as “Coach John McKissick Week”; and

Whereas, Coach McKissick, who has more coaching victories under his belt than any other football coach at any level, was announced as the winner of the prestigious award at a press conference held at the NFL Motorola Super Bowl Media Center in Indianapolis; and

Whereas, former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, the winningest coach in NFL history, presented the award; and

Whereas, Coach McKissick, who recently completed his 60th season as the head football coach for Summerville High School, was nominated for the award by the Carolina Panthers; and

Whereas, created in 2010, the award honors exemplary high school football coaches who display the integrity, achievement, and leadership demonstrated by the winningest coach in NFL history, Don Shula; and

Whereas, Coach McKissick, who has compiled a career record at Summerville of 594‑143‑13, winning 10 state championships along the way, was in attendance as an NFL guest at the Super Bowl XLVI game on Sunday, February 5, 2012; and

Whereas, each finalist for the award received a $2,500 cash award and a $5,000 grant for their high school football program. As the national Shula Award recipient, Coach McKissick received a $10,000 cash award and a $15,000 grant; and

Whereas, the selection panel for the award included some NFL heavyweights, as well as recognizable personalities from other walks of life. Panel members included Shula, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Tony Dungy, John Madden, Art Shell, IBM Board Chairman Sam Palmisano, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the pride and recognition that Coach McKissick has brought to his school, to his community, and to our great State. Now, therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, declare the week of February 13-19, 2012, as Coach John McKissick Week in South Carolina in honor of being named the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Coach John McKissick and Summerville High School.

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