**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RICHARD WINN ACADEMY COACH JASON HALTIWANGER FOR THE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE HE SETS AS A COACH AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SEASON WITH THE RICHARD WINN LADY EAGLE 2013 BASKETBALL TEAM AND FOR GARNERING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to honor those who invest in the lives of the state’s most precious resource, our children; and

Whereas, Coach Jason Haltiwanger, named the Coach of the Year, took the 2012-2013 Lady Eagle basketball team from Richard Winn Academy, with a starting lineup in the fall consisting of two juniors, a sophomore, a freshman, and an eighth grader and players coming off the bench that included two sophomores, two freshmen, and another eighth grader, and built a strong, confident team that bested their opponents throughout the season to win the state title; and

Whereas, the Richard Winn Lady Eagles concluded the 2013 season with a 29‑1 record and with a perfect conference record of 8‑0. Coach Haltiwanger led the team to the regional championship for the second straight season, and on February 23, 2013, his team took the state championship against Marlboro Academy 46‑31; and

Whereas, his team finished the 2012 season with the only loss being the final game of the state championship; and the 2011 season ended with a 25‑2 record, giving the Lady Eagles a three‑year record of 83 wins and only four losses; and

Whereas, a meaningful source of encouragement, Coach Haltiwanger inspires his players to set high personal standards and stresses the importance of their academics; and

Whereas, actively involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes that meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 before school begins, he teaches the importance of prioritizing their lives to honor faith in God, love of family, and learning in school; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, speed, and agility, Coach Haltiwanger capitalized on his own athletic ability and training to mold championship basketball players and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the fine example that Coach Haltiwanger has exhibited for the Lady Eagle basketball team and for the excellent standard he set for his athletes to achieve, and the members look forward to hearing of his continued accomplishments in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina recognize and honor Richard Winn Academy Coach Jason Haltiwanger for the outstanding example he sets as a coach and congratulate him for an exceptional season with the Richard Winn Lady Eagle basketball team and for garnering the 2013 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Jason Haltiwanger.

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