**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE OLIVER “BUDDY” POUGH, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COACHING CAREER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED AS A SOUTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION HONOREE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Coach Oliver “Buddy” Pough for his outstanding coaching career; and

Whereas, this season, Coach Pough is entering his nineteenth season as head football coach at South Carolina State, where he is the all-time winningest coach. During a nineteen‑year tenure at the school where he earned a bachelor’s and a master’s, as well as All‑MEAC honors as an offensive lineman, Coach Pough has compiled an overall record of 133‑74 and a 100‑35 MEAC worksheet; and

Whereas, prior to this outstanding coaching career, Coach Pough was an offensive lineman at Orangeburg‑Wilkinson High School, where he played under notable South Carolina coach, Dick Sheridan, and South Carolina State University, under Coach Jeffries. He had a collegiate record of 129-73; and

Whereas, over the course of his long and successful coaching career, Coach Pough has served as assistant coach at Orangeburg‑Wilkinson High School, South Carolina State University, and the University of South Carolina and as head coach at Keenan High School; Fairfield Central High School, where he led the Griffins to a 3A state championship; and South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, given his many years of experience and expertise, Coach Pough has received a number of honors and awards, including The Times and Democrat’s 2019 Person of the Year, three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards, BOXTOROW Co‑Coach of the Year, and high honors and awards from several community organizations; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Coach Pough’s reach and impact extends off the football field into the Orangeburg community and across the nation. He is one of the founders of the Orangeburg Touchdown Club, which brings together Orangeburg and surrounding areas to recognize local high school football players. The organization has a significant impact on the community; and

Whereas, Coach Pough led the South Carolina State University football team to win the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) national title at the Celebration Bowl held in Atlanta on Saturday, December 17, 2021. To the cheers of their exuberant fans, the South Carolina State Bulldogs defeated the competitive Jackson State team with a score of 31‑10; and

Whereas, in recognition of his exceptional achievements, Coach Pough has been named a South Carolina State Employee Association honoree; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that Coach Oliver “Buddy” Pough has brought to the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize Oliver “Buddy” Pough, head football coach of South Carolina State University, for his outstanding coaching career and congratulate him for being named as a South Carolina State Employee Association honoree.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Oliver “Buddy” Pough.

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