**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAMS’ ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH AND DEFENSIVE TACKLES COACH, DAN BROOKS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED 2016 ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION BY THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to hear that Dan Brooks, Clemson University associate head coach and defensive tackles coach for football, has been selected as the 2016 Assistant Coach of the Year for the Football Bowl Subdivision by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA). Coach Brooks has abundantly earned this high recognition, as well as the retirement he announced following the Tigers’ 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship win over Alabama; and

Whereas, he began his football career at Appalachian State in 1969, after which he transferred to Western Carolina, where he played in 1973. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned an undergraduate degree from Western Carolina in 1976 and a master’s degree from Florida in 1984; and

Whereas, wrapping up his career with thirty‑three seasons as a college coach under his belt, the last eight at Clemson, Dan Brooks can boast twenty‑seven winning seasons, including twenty‑four bowl seasons. He has coached four hundred ten games as a full‑time assistant coach, with an overall winning percentage of .700; and

Whereas, the measure of a coach can be determined by the caliber of athletes molded under his tutelage. He has produced thirty NFL draft picks, seven NFL first‑round selections, three All‑Americans, fourteen All‑Conference picks, and one Outland Trophy winner. Clemson has gone 85‑25 during his eight seasons on staff, with an impressive winning percentage of .773. This includes six consecutive seasons with ten or more victories; and

Whereas, in his inaugural season with Clemson in 2009, Coach Brooks helped the team to an ACC Atlantic Division title and a top‑25 final ranking. The Tigers were an impressive twelfth in the nation in tackles loss. This season set the stage for the remainder of his time with the team; and

Whereas, each year of Dan Brooks’s career with Clemson marked an improvement in the team. The Tigers, in 2010, were ranked thirteenth in the nation in scoring thanks in large part to his coaching tactics. In the 2013, 2014, and 2015 seasons, his defensive tackles were a big reason for Clemson leading the nation in total defense and tackles for loss. Since 2013, the teams have amassed well over one hundred tackles for loss each year. Without the defense Dan spearheaded, the Tigers would not be the team they were on the day of the national championship game; and

Whereas, Dan Brooks finds strength for his labors in the strong support of his family: his lovely wife, Kathy; their daughter, Tara; and their son, Rhett, who served as an offensive player development assistant on the Clemson staff (2013, 2014); and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Dan Brooks has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, the Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing him on receiving the AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year award and in wishing him the enjoyment of a well‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Dan Brooks, former Clemson University associate head coach and defensive tackles coach for football, on the occasion of his retirement and congratulate him on being named 2016 Assistant Coach of the Year for the Football Bowl Subdivision by the American Football Coaches Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Dan Brooks.

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