**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH PHIL SAVITZ OF IRMO HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that his long and extremely successful tenure as Irmo High School soccer coach has won Coach Philip B. Savitz of Columbia induction into the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association (SCACA) Hall of Fame, with the official induction ceremony to take place at the SCACA’s nineteenth annual awards banquet in Greenville on July 24, 2011; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Phil Savitz studied at A.C. Flora High School and then the University Of South Carolina, where he received a bachelor’s degree in education in 1978 and a master’s degree in 1980. Married to Jan Haltiwanger Savitz, he and his wife are the proud parents of two grown children, Zack and Erin; and

Whereas, Coach Savitz has been teaching physical education at Irmo High School for thirty‑two years and serves as director of the Girls Select Coaches for the South Carolina United FC Soccer Program, as well as coach of the boys’ soccer team at Irmo High, where he has been head coach for thirty‑one years; and

Whereas, during his career, Coach Phil Savitz has won an astounding 581 games to date (the top win record among South Carolina soccer coaches) and has led the Yellow Jackets of Irmo High School to thirteen Class AAAA state championships, while suffering only seventy losses; and

Whereas, he has proven himself a worthy mentor, teacher, and coach and constantly strives to lead by example in showing his students how to live a productive life whose watchword is integrity; and

Whereas, due to his championship coaching and the hard work of his athletes, Irmo High is famous for its boys soccer team, which has been ranked number one in the country several times and is presently so ranked by ESPN. Coach Phil Savitz has the singular honor of having led his soccer teams to the most state championships of any coach at any high school in the United States; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated. Among his other accolades, Coach Savitz has been named head coach for several All‑Star coaching assignments and is a three‑time South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association State Coach of the Year and a national finalist for National High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year, as well as a seven‑time *High School Sports Report* State Coach of the Year. In addition, he was granted the *High School Sports Report* Lifetime Achievement Award and was inducted into the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007; and

Whereas, cognizant of his excellence as a coach, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending Coach Phil Savitz on his fine career, and the members join with the many voices lending tribute to him on receipt of this new honor, induction into the SCACA Hall of Fame. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Coach Phil Savitz of Irmo High School for his outstanding career as both coach and educator, and congratulate him on being inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Phil Savitz.

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