**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TUCKER VERONEE OF THE GILBERT BASS ANGLERS ON HIS EXCEPTIONAL ANGLING SKILL AND TO HONOR HIM AND HIS TEAM ON CAPTURING FIRST PLACE IN THE 11TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL FISHING WORLD FINALS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Tucker Veronee of the Gilbert Bass Anglers fishing club won first place with his team in the 11th Annual High School Fishing World Finals, held June 23‑27, 2020, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the upper Mississippi River; and

Whereas, open to all North American members of The Bass Federation’s Student Angler Federation, the competition offers millions of dollars in scholarships and prizes; and

Whereas, as representatives of the Gilbert Bass Anglers and this great State, Tucker and his teammate, Landon Gramling, shot past thirty other teams to win the championship title. On the final day, when these Gilbert High students finally weighed in after waiting near the end of the line of boats, their nine‑pound‑plus catch put them over the top on the leader board for the title win; and

Whereas, trained by Tucker’s father, Head Coach Chris Veronee, Tucker and Landon earned impressive trophies and lucrative offers of more than $250,000 in scholarships, including a $56,000 scholarship offer from Bethel University in Tennessee, a $120,000 scholarship offer from Simpson University in California, a $100,000 scholarship offer from Kentucky Christian University in Kentucky, and a $12,000 cash back‑up scholarship offer from The Bass Federation to any college or trade school of their choice, should they choose not to accept any of the other offers; and

Whereas, Head Coach Veronee and Chris Gramling, Landon’s father, served their sons as boat captains during the world finals competition. Each competing boat held three people, including the captain and a two‑person team of students, and teams fished seven to eight hours a day. In preparation for the world finals, Tucker and Landon practiced or competed in South Carolina’s Strom Thurmond Lake, Lake Hartwell, and Lake Murray; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in applauding the outstanding achievements of Tucker Veronee of the Gilbert Bass Anglers fishing club, and the members look with interest to hearing of his continued success in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Tucker Veronee of the Gilbert Bass Anglers on his exceptional angling skill and honor him and his team on capturing first place in the 11th Annual High School Fishing World Finals.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tucker Veronee.

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