**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TURK PETTIT OF THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY GOLF TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2021 NCAA MEN’S GOLF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were pleased to learn that Turk Pettit of the Clemson University golf team earned top honors at the 2021 NCAA Men’s Golf Individual Championship, held May 28-31, 2021, at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona; and

Whereas, this Golf Coaches Association and *Golfweek* First‑Team All‑American got up‑and‑down for par from 25 yards off the ninth green, his final hole of the day. Then Oklahoma State golfer Bo Jin failed to make par on the 18th hole, his final hole, just fifteen minutes later, giving Pettit the individual NCAA title; and

Whereas, Turk Pettit is the second Clemson player in history to win the NCAA Championship, a victory that puts him in the company of Charles Warren, who won the title in 1997. Pettit finished with rounds of 68‑67‑68‑70 for a 72‑hole score of seven‑under‑par 273. It is the second lowest NCAA Tournament score in Clemson history, trailing only a 272 by Warren when he finished second at the 1998 NCAA Tournament; and

Whereas, in his Clemson career, Pettit also won the Irish Creek Invitational in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on April 8, 2018. The Clemson graduate finished his final season with seven top 10 finishes in his eight tournaments; and

Whereas, a key hole was the 17th, the eighth hole of the day for Pettit and the 17th for Jin. Pettit drove the green on the 318‑yard hole and made a two‑putt birdie to take the lead for the first time. Jin drove the hole later in the day but made a three‑putt par; and

Whereas, the two players were tied at seven‑under for most of the final nine of competition. Pettit came to the ninth hole, his last hole of the day, and drove the ball into a sand trap on the right side of the hole, one of only a couple of wayward drives he had on the day. His second shot landed short of the hole and rolled back to 25 yards off the green. However, as he had done all week, Pettit hit a great chip and made a five‑footer to finish at seven‑under for the tournament and even‑par 70 for the day; and

Whereas, his retiring coach, Clemson’s Larry Penley, looked on with pride as Turk Pettit captured the title; and

With admiration, the Senate adds its collective voice of praise to the many tributes flowing in to this fine athlete on this remarkable achievement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Turk Pettit of the Clemson University golf team on capturing the 2021 NCAA Men’s Golf Individual Championship crown and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Turk Pettit.

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