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City of Florence to Hold Name Unveiling for Championship Court at Pearl Moore Gymnasium

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FLORENCE, SC – The City of Florence will hold a Name Unveiling for the Championship Court at the Pearl Moore Gymnasium on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 2:30pm. The public is invited to attend.

At the June 2023 City Council meeting, Resolution No. 2023-31, "A Resolution of Recognition for the Accomplishments of Jolette Law" was unanimously approved by City Council. During the meeting City Council members acknowledged Jolette Law's many athletic accomplishments and amended the Resolution to include that the championship court located at the Pearl Moore Basketball Gymnasium be named the "Jolette Law Championship Court".

Jolette Law is widely known and respected in Florence and is a graduate of Wilson High School. During her time as a Wilson Tigers athlete, she lettered in three sports and was a two-time MVP in track and field as well as a four-time Wilson High School Athlete of the Year. She was also a three-year basketball Kodak All-American from 1984-86, and the first person to have her jersey retired by the Tigers.

She attended the University of Iowa where she helped the Hawkeyes win four consecutive Big 10 titles and make four trips to the NCAA tournament which earned Jolette an induction into the Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame.

Following Jolette's collegiate career, she joined the Harlem Globetrotters from 1991 to 1994 as the only female team member at the time. She completed three worldwide tours with the team.

Jolette has been in the coaching profession for 29 seasons and has seen success throughout her career at Tennessee, Illinois, Rutgers, Ball State, and now South Carolina. Her successful track record and significant contributions to the game as well as high character, integrity, and respect among her colleagues earned her induction into the A STEP UP Assistant Coaches Hall of Fame Class of 2020. In her six seasons with the Gamecocks, South Carolina Women's Basketball has collected four SEC tournament titles, three SEC regular-season championships, three NCAA Final Four appearances and the 2022 National Championship.

She is renowned as one of the best recruiters in the nation and has been part of landing four top-three classes, including the No. 1 classes in 2019 and 2021 for the Gamecocks.

Locally, Jolette has been recognized by her hometown of Florence with an induction in the Wilson High School Hall of Fame in 2002, was part of the Florence Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2006 and was also honored as a Florence School District One Distinguished Graduate.

City Manager, Randall Osterman, said, "We are proud to have the Championship Court at Pearl Moore Gymnasium named for a Florence native who played basketball in our Recreation league who has achieved so much during her basketball career. She is an excellent role model to the young people in our recreation programs who are following in her footsteps."

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