WHEREAS, throughout our nation’s history, sports have served as a forum for combating prejudice and racism while weaving minority and immigrant groups into the American tapestry; and

WHEREAS, from boxing to football to tennis to the manager’s bench and the owner’s office, Jews have a significant impact on the world of sports; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is proud that many of our Jewish residents have made and continue to make their mark in athletics through their commitment to excellence in sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2005, as

JEWISH SPORTS HERITAGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Jewish athletes, coaches, broadcasters, and executives who have distinguished themselves in the world of sports.