WHEREAS, STUDENT-Athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics, while making significant contributions to their communities, are role models for the youth of America; and

WHEREAS, former STUDENT-Athletes have proven they are successful away from the game, becoming leaders in business, government, community, and education; and

WHEREAS, through their participation in competitive sports, STUDENT-Athletes learn perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, and commitment to a goal; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of STUDENT-Athlete Day provides an opportunity to recognize STUDENT-Athletes throughout South Carolina and the nation for their dedication and hard work in successfully maintaining schoolwork, athletics training, and social activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2003, as

STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor STUDENT-Athletes who excel in the classroom, on the playing field, and in our communities.