**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE STARR-IVA DIXIE YOUTH SOFTBALL TEAM FOR ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2012 DIXIE PONYTAILS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP, AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

Whereas, softball is a game of speed, power, precision, and agility, but to excel in softball, a team must combine these talents with teamwork and good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, representing South Carolina, the Starr-Iva Dixie Youth Softball team of Anderson County captured the 25th Richard T. Murphy, Sr., Dixie Ponytails World Series Championship title by convincingly uniting all these attributes in one unstoppable team, defeating Columbia County, Georgia, in the title game on August 1, 2012; and

Whereas, the Starr-Iva Dixie Youth Softball team was led by coaches Nakia Davis, Kelsey Davis, and Danny Davis, and included players Ryleigh Davis, Kayla Pepper, Chandler Payton, Marley McBride, Kalysta Addison, Kinsley Norris, Faith Therrell, Ayana Louden, Brooke Richey, Ellison Garren, Julia Martin, and Autumn Shaw; and

Whereas, backed by a rich history of outstanding softball, the Starr-Iva team went undefeated in the District 7 Championship tournament and the State tournament before carrying its winning ways to the 2012 playoffs in Hartsville, held July 27‑August 1. Following a parade through downtown Hartsville, the Starr-Iva team owned the town as the first team from South Carolina ever to win the Ponytails championship when they defeated Georgia 11‑1; and

Whereas, it is with immense pleasure that the South Carolina Senate pauses to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of these fine athletes and their coaches and to congratulate them on their success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate the Starr-Iva Dixie Youth softball team for its impressive win of the 2012 Dixie Ponytails World Series championship, and to honor the players, coaches, and staff on an outstanding season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Coach Nakia Davis, Coach Kelsey Davis, and Coach Danny Davis.

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