**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HOLLY HILL ACADEMY VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Holly Hill Academy varsity baseball team took top honors at the South Carolina Independent School Association Class AA tournament on May 16, 2013; and

Whereas, the Holly Hill Raiders rebounded from a devastating 10‑0 loss to the Thomas Heyward Rebels in the finals by taking the crucial third game in the best‑of‑three series clinching the state championship and an outstanding 19-7 season; and

Whereas, in an impressive seven‑inning performance, the Raider’s senior Brandon Oglesby mastered four strike outs and allowed only five hits, while sophomore teammate Middleton Bull dominated offensively with four RBIs and a home run in the Raiders’ 8‑3 victory; and

Whereas, after falling behind in the first inning, the Raiders capitalized on a double from junior Seth Swank in the forth inning that tied the game and finished the inning with two additional runs, securing the lead; and

Whereas, the Raiders’ offense exploded in the sixth inning, increasing their lead by four more runs off the bats of Middleton Bull and Brandon Oglesby, all but securing Holly Hill Academy’s second straight state championship; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, strategy, and speed, Head Coach Michael Nelson and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life both on and off diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the Holly Hill Academy varsity baseball players have brought to their school and community and look to hear of their many accomplishments in seasons to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Holly Hill Academy’s varsity baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2013 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AA state championship title, their second straight state baseball championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Headmaster Garland Crump and Coach Michael Nelson.

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