**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2013 CLASS AAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Northwestern High School football team of York County took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, December 7, 2013; and

Whereas, the Northwestern High School Trojans tied up their second undefeated season in only four years with an unstoppable offense that overpowered the Stratford High School Knights 62‑35 for the Class AAAA Division II state trophy; and

Whereas, after the Trojan offense took a 21‑0 lead in the first eight minutes of play, the relentless Trojan defense forced eight turnovers, four fumbles and four intercepted passes, starting with a fumble recovery by sophmore Jamah Mitchell on the Knights first play of the game, to secure Northwestern’s fourth state title; and

Whereas, senior quarterback Mason Rudolph threw for 483 yards and eight touchdowns, completing thirty‑eight passes, a new state record for single‑game completions; and

Whereas, junior Dupree Hart’s performance for the Trojan offense devastated the Spartan defensive line. He caught an amazing twenty‑one passes for 255 yards and four touchdowns; and

Whereas, senior receiver for Northwestern, Quadarius Fair, also scored four touchdowns, catching seven passes for 175 yards; and

Whereas, the Trojans with a 15‑0 season steamrolled the Knights throughout the final game with keen focus. None of their nine scoring drives lasted even three minutes, and four of them took less than a minute from the clock; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, skill, and determination, Head Coach Kyle Richardson, in his first state title as head coach, and his expert coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the Northwestern High School football players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Northwestern High School football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2013 Class AAAA Division II State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal James A. Blake II and Coach Kyle Richardson.

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