**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WANDO RUGBY CLUB’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF FOR THEIR FIRST UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 RUGBY SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Wando Rugby Club of Charleston County took top honors at the state competition in Greenville on Saturday, April 12, 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Wando Rugby Club from Mount Pleasant finished an undefeated season by prevailing over the Greenville Red Raiders by a score of 10‑3 to capture the 2014 Rugby South Carolina State Championship; and

Whereas, Wando maximized its depth and experience in the fast paced, hard hitting, and hotly contested match to capture its first state trophy by defeating a team ranked second in the State and twenty‑fifth nationwide; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, persistence, and expertise, Wando mauled its way through scrums and rucks to determine their championship footing; and

Whereas, ranked first in the State and twenty‑first nationally, the Wando Rugby Club capped a perfect season of ten wins and no losses with this crowning victory, its first state championship title; and

Whereas, through grueling practices, hard work, and determination, Head Coach Tod Shepherd and his skilled 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 pitch; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Wando Rugby 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 Wando Rugby Club’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff for their first undefeated regular season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Rugby South Carolina State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Wando High School Principal Lucy G. Beckham, Rugby South Carolina President Chris Knotts, and Coach Tod Shepherd.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑