**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FINE COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2014 CLASS AAAA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Hillcrest High School football team drove past defending champion Dutch Fork 47‑17 to capture the 2014 Class AAAA Division I State Championship, held on Saturday, December 6, 2014; and

Whereas, Williams‑Brice Stadium in Columbia echoed with the cheers of exuberant Hillcrest fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to an excellent 14‑1 season. By the end of the title game, the Rams’ many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, the Hillcrest players, fueled by the excitement of the program’s first state‑title bid, shellacked their opponents, leaving no doubt in anyone’s mind about who deserved the crown. Further, with this win the Rams nailed the first Class AAAA title for a Greenville County school in thirty‑seven years; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Coach Greg Porter and his dedicated staff have built their football program into a championship team that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, the Rams were down 10 after the first quarter and trailed 17‑6 in the second. But with the program’s first state championship on the line, the players believed that if they could get in front, they could win. They were right: following two Hillcrest touchdowns in 64 seconds of second‑quarter play, the Rams pulled ahead and never looked back; and

Whereas, the Rams have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding group of young athletes. 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 congratulate the Hillcrest High School football team and its fine coaches on their impressive win of the 2014 Class AAAA Division I State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal G. Bryan Skipper and Coach Greg Porter of Hillcrest High School.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑