**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE HAMMOND SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the disciplined and determined Hammond School football team grabbed top honors at the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA state‑title competition on Saturday, November 22, 2014, defeating Laurence Manning 17‑0; and

Whereas, held at Benedict College’s Charlie W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia, the title game showcased the Skyhawks’ excellence at wholehearted team play. In their ninth consecutive SCISA Class AAA championship appearance, the Skyhawks reclaimed the trophy after a lapse of two years, making it the school’s seventh crown during those nine bids for the title; and

Whereas, Hammond fans cheered as the Skyhawks, led by a staunch offensive line and livewire running back T.J. Brady, tore through Laurence Manning’s defense. By the end of the game, fans were already making plans for a return trip next year to see the Skyhawks make it two trophies in a row; and

Whereas, the title win put the final flourish on an undefeated 13‑0 season for Hammond; and

Whereas, Coach Erik Kimrey and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to create a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition the Hammond School football players have brought to their school and 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, salute the Hammond School football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2014 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Chris Angel and Coach Erik Kimrey.

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