**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RICHARD WINN ACADEMY EIGHT‑MAN FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Richard Winn Academy eight‑man football team of Fairfield County took top honors at the state competition at Wilson Hall’s Spencer Field in Sumter on November 21, 2014; and

Whereas, in a game that more often resembled a state track meet, the Richard Winn Eagles rushed and pounded their way to a 50‑14 victory over The Carolina Academy Bobcats from Lake City; and

Whereas, John Coleman delivered the first two touchdowns for the championship team with 67‑ and 68‑yard runs respectively before the Bobcats could answer; and

Whereas, after the Bobcats posted six points, the Eagles’ Gunnar Hensley returned the kickoff with an 80‑yard run down the far sideline. Webb Yongue scored for Richard Winn on a 9‑yard run for a 28‑6 score, and with five seconds left in the half, senior quarterback Matt Taylor connected on a 35‑yard field goal to make the score 31‑6; and

Whereas, with two more touchdowns from the Eagles’ John Coleman and one more from their Gunnar Hensley in the second half, Richard Winn took home the championship trophy in the fast‑paced offense of the eight‑man game and completed the season with an impressive 13‑1 record; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, speed, and determination, Head Coach Dan Dickerson 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 gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Richard Winn Academy 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Richard Winn Academy eight‑man football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Nancy Coleman and Coach Dan Dickerson.

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