**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, knowing they had a high reputation to uphold, the members of the Thomas Sumter Academy (TSA) girls softball team played with great determination and spirit at the 2015 SCISA Class AAA State Championship and won the title and crown; and

Whereas, after earning last year’s Class AA title, the Lady Generals made a splash in Class AAA by capturing the top prize with a hard fought 8‑3 victory over Wilson Hall in a best‑of‑three series; and

Whereas, in gaining the crown, Thomas Sumter swept the two‑time defending SCISA AAA state champion, a state of affairs that made the victory all the more special; and

Whereas, the Lady Generals, who finished the season 20‑2, scored seven of their eight runs with two outs in the title game, held at Patriot Park SportsPlex on May 12, 2015, and held their scrappy and well‑coached opponents to six hits and three unearned runs against TSA senior pitcher Emily DeMonte; and

Whereas, Head Coach Lou DeMonte, drawing on his own considerable talents and skills, molded his team members into champions once again and proudly watched his players hoist the title trophy; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young women well both on and off the field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Thomas Sumter Academy girls softball team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Thomas Sumter Academy girls softball team, coaches, and school officials for their stellar season and congratulate them on capturing the 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Head of School Debbie Nix and Head Coach Lou DeMonte of Thomas Sumter Academy.

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