**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FINE COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2015 CLASS A DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Southside Christian School football team drove past Allendale‑Fairfax 42‑8 to capture the 2015 Class A Division I State Championship, held on Saturday, December 5, 2015; and

Whereas, Charles W. Johnson Stadium at Columbia’s Benedict College echoed with the cheers of exuberant Southside fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to an excellent season. By the end of the title game, the Sabres’ many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, the Southside players, fueled by the excitement of a chance at the program’s first state title, shellacked their opponents, leaving no doubt in anyone’s mind about who deserved the crown. Further, with this win the Sabres nailed their thirteenth consecutive victory; and

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

Whereas, Coach Kaiser revealed the secret behind his team’s well‑earned win: “We talked all week about all the distractions, ...staying focused, staying disciplined, keep doing what we’ve been doing. And I’ll tell you what, they did”; and

Whereas, less than six minutes into the game, the score was 14‑0, and the tone had been set in favor of the Sabres. Further, Southside Christian’s defense shut down Allendale‑Fairfax’s normally productive rushing attack, a state of affairs that signed and sealed the victory for Southside; and

Whereas, the Sabres 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 Southside Christian School football team and its fine coaches on their impressive win of the 2015 Class A Division I State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Sam Barfell, superintendent; Dr. Don Kauffman, Upper School principal; and Coach Jason Kaiser of Southside Christian School.

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