**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JEFFERSON DIXIE YOUTH “O” ZONE BASEBALL TEAM FOR ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA DIXIE YOUTH “O” ZONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON A SUPERB SEASON.

Whereas, baseball is a game of speed, power, precision, and agility, but to excel in baseball, a team must combine these talents with teamwork and good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, Head Coach Shane Mullis, Assistant Coach Woody Atkinson, Assistant Coach Hamp Deese, and the players of the Jefferson Dixie Youth “O” Zone baseball team captured the 2015 South Carolina Dixie Youth “O” Zone State Championship title by convincingly uniting all these attributes into one unstoppable team; and

Whereas, the crown‑winning team roster boasts Grant Mullis, Ron Benjamin, Landon Hicks, Lucas Deese, Bryce Oliver, Buddy Faile, Jamie Parks, Will Atkinson, Jacob Jordan, Trent Neuberth, Landon Deese, and Gavin Blackwell; and

Whereas, further, after winning the state championship this outstanding ball team advanced to make the “O” Zone World Series‑‑a sweet sensation they plan to repeat. On August 13, 2015, the Jefferson team, representing South Carolina against eleven other teams representing ten other states, fought to the end for the World Series championship and was crowned runner‑up; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives pauses to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of these fine athletes and their coaches and to salute them on their success. 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 honor the Jefferson Dixie Youth “O” Zone baseball team for its impressive win of the 2015 South Carolina Dixie Youth “O” Zone State Championship title and congratulate the players and coaches on a superb season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Shane Mullis of the Jefferson Dixie Youth “O” Zone baseball team.

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