**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BELTON HONEA PATH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS ON CAPTURING THE 2015 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on May 23, 2015, the Belton Honea Path High School baseball team scored top honors at the state championship series after withstanding a spirited late surge by Hartsville High School; and

Whereas, tied at the end of regulation, the game broke in the Bears’ favor when Belton‑Honea Path’s Dax Roper hit a solo homer in the top of the twelfth and the Bears held off a late comeback attempt for a 3‑2 win to sweep the class AAA best‑of‑three championship series; and

Whereas, with this triumph, Belton Honea Path racked up its fourth state title twenty‑five years after winning its first; and

Whereas, a seasoned coach of considerable talent and expertise, Head Coach Steve Williams forged a championship team that was unwilling to settle for anything less than being the best; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate, and the entire Palmetto State, is proud of these fine student athletes and appreciates the recognition the Belton Honea Path High School baseball players have brought to their school and community, and the members look to hear of many more victories for the school in coming seasons and of more great accomplishments from the players and coaches in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Belton Honea Path High School baseball team for an outstanding season and congratulate the players on winning the 2015 Class AAA state championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Lester McCall and Coach Steve Williams of Belton Honea Path High School.

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