**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2016 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on December 17, 2016, at Columbia’s Williams‑Brice Stadium, the South Pointe High School football team capped an exceptional season by once again taking home the state title in a threepeat victory; and

Whereas, the South Pointe Stallions thrilled their fans as they dominated Hartsville to win the state football championship 51‑28. The 2016 title game gained South Pointe its fifteenth straight playoff game, its third straight state championship, and its fifth title overall in just eleven years of varsity football, four of those five titles coming in Coach Strait Herron’s six seasons; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, skill, and determination, the Stallions proved that their status as a young school could not keep them from grabbing the trophy; and

Whereas, Coach Strait Herron and his skilled coaching staff used their fine athletic expertise and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes valuable life lessons that will prove useful both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor the South Pointe football players for the pride and recognition they have brought to their school and community, and the members anticipate with interest hearing of their future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, salute the South Pointe High School football team, coaches, and school officials for a tremendous season and congratulate them on capturing the 2016 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Al Leonard and Coach Strait Herron of South Pointe High School.

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