**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MIDLAND DIXIE YOUTH COACHES PITCH ALL‑STAR BASEBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of the Midland Coaches Pitch All‑Star team captured top honors at the World Series held in Laurel, Mississippi, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of their devoted friends and family members, the Midland All‑Stars defeated a quality, spirited team from Alabama, the only team that had bested them in a game during the World Series, but the Midland team took the championship trophy; and

Whereas, the Midland team was 6‑0 in the District Tournament, outscoring all comers 81‑11, and kept an undefeated 5‑0 record in the State Tournament, outscoring that competition 43‑24; and

Whereas, in the very first game of the World Series, the Midland All‑Stars lost to Alabama, but were undefeated in the championship bracket, winning against Arkansas, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee; and

Whereas, in the final game for the World Series title, Midland squared off against Alabama for a rematch. Logan Gadberry hit a three‑run homerun in the championship game that helped to secure his team’s victory; and

Whereas, in the World Series, the Midland team outscored all opponents 87‑38 and set new World Series records in runs scored in a single game, 24; the most runs in a World Series; and the most runs batted in during a single game, 18; and

Whereas, the championship team includes Chance Culley, Will Yancey, Logan Gadberry, Jacob Kelly, Brice Gillette, Landon Jeffcoat, Jacson Barrineau, MJ Hornsby, Keaton Bennett, Tyler Ashton, Alex McFarland, and My’Son Jones; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength and quickness, Head Coach Matthew Hornsby and his skilled assistants capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Midland All‑Star baseball players have brought to their community and look to hear of their continued success in the days ahead. 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 Midland Dixie Youth Coaches Pitch All‑Star baseball team and coaches for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 World Series Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Matthew Hornsby.

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