**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2017 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the James F. Byrnes High School softball team of Spartanburg County captured the Class AAAAA state crown on May 19, 2017; and

Whereas, Byrnes rallied from a 4‑0 deficit to beat White Knoll 7‑4 in the third and deciding game of the state championship series at Clinton High School. The Lady Rebels softball team wrapped up its fourth state title in program history and the second in four years; and

Whereas, throughout the 2017 season, the loss in the 2016 Class AAAA state championship series fueled and inspired the Lady Rebels to dig deep and strive harder to win the ultimate prize. It was something they lived and breathed for three hundred sixty‑three days; and

Whereas, in addition, the Byrnes players knew that if they were going to win, they had to do so as a team. It was a team effort indeed that helped secure the championship with a combination of base-on-balls and base hits by Tatum Arboleda, Parker Birch, Hayden Bradley, Amber Campbell, Haven Pesce, Kassie Rimel, and Kasey Widmyer, as well as run-scoring sacrifices by Tatum Arboleda, Haven Pesce, Christa Whitesides, and Haley Whitesides; and

Whereas, Coach Brandi Aiken, drawing on her own considerable talents and skills, molded the team members into champions and proudly watched her players receive and hold high the title trophy; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young women well both on and off the diamond. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the James F. Byrnes High School softball team and wishes the members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the James F. Byrnes High School softball team, coaches, and school officials for their stellar season and congratulate them on capturing the 2017 Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Todd Hardy and Coach Brandi Aiken of James F. Byrnes High School.

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