**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2010 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, on May 20, 2010, the fully prepared White Knoll High School varsity baseball team defeated Byrnes 11‑10 to grab the 2010 Class AAAA State Championship title; and

Whereas, Head Coach Jonny Thompson and his assistant coaches, Mark Bonnette, Ricky Tillmon, Scott Summers, Bryson Williams, Lucas Hummers, and Hamp Parler, with grueling practices, hard work, and determination, built their baseball program into a championship team that refused to settle for second best. They also instilled lessons in respect and discipline into these young athletes that will stand them in good stead all their lives; and

Whereas, this White Knoll team that powered its way to the top featured players Ray Murphy, Robbie Streett, Carl Wise, Corey Martin, Josh Sealey, John Martin Eubanks, Chris Henry, Trevor Bradley, Chris Harrison, Mark Matthews, Caleb Backman, A.J. Bolin, Spencer Sox, Jordan Baker, Austin Dunn, Matt Tanner, Eric Allen, Taylor Britain, Chris Andrews, and Zack Smith; and

Whereas, on the way to the title playoffs, the Timberwolves successfully vanquished Irmo, Hartsville, Sumter, Wando, Summerville, and Byrnes, some of them twice; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because everyone was waiting to see if the Timberwolves could bring home the school’s first state championship‑‑its first in any sport. These dedicated players did not disappoint their supporters, and elated White Knoll fans started making plans to see the team do it again in 2011; and

Whereas, it was especially satisfying to the White Knoll coaches, who have served the school since its inception ten years ago, to see their hard work come to fruition in this fine baseball team, which triumphed at the bottom of the tenth after working through a 10‑10 tie; and

Whereas, adding further luster to an already scintillating season, the team is ranked number four in the nation by MaxPreps; and

Whereas, the Senate takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the White Knoll High School varsity baseball team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the field and expects to hear of continued great achievements in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend the White Knoll High School varsity baseball team for its outstanding season and for capturing the 2010 Class AAAA state championship, and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Jo Mayer and Head Coach Jonny Thompson of White Knoll High School.

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