**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS REMARKABLE SEASON AND STELLAR SUCCESS IN CAPTURING THE 2008 CLASS AAAA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TITLE, AND TO HONOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, the James F. Byrnes High School Rebels completed a stunning 31 to 21 victory over their opponent, Sumter High School Gamecocks, in the State championship game on December 6, 2008, at Clemson University’s Memorial Stadium; and

Whereas, throughout their championship season, the Rebels lived by the inspiring team motto, “together we will”; and

Whereas, behind the outstanding performance of junior tailback, Marcus Lattimore, the Rebels scored on the game’s second play and never looked back; and

Whereas, the daunting James F. Byrnes Rebels epitomize the highest qualities of team athletic competition, earning their sixth State championship title in seven years; and

Whereas, in Coach Chris Miller’s second season at Byrnes High School, his team not only won fourteen games but also secured its second consecutive State championship in Class AAAA Division I; and

Whereas, the entire coaching staff employed their own athletic talent and training skills to mold a championship team and foster excellence through demanding practices and rigorous efforts; and

Whereas, in garnering yet another championship, the athletes of the Rebel football team brought both state and national recognition to their school and community. 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 congratulate the James F. Byrnes High School varsity football team for its remarkable season and stellar success in capturing the 2008 Class AAAA Division I State Championship football title, and honor the accomplishments of the players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James F. Byrnes Principal Jeffrey Rogers and Coach Chris Miller.

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