**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SIMPSONVILLE STARS SOFTBALL TEAM OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 2008 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES TITLE IN PORTLAND, OREGON, AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXEMPLARY PLAYERS AND COACHES.

Whereas, the Simpsonville Stars, representing the South in the 2008 Little League Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon, defeated the East division team on August 13, 2008, to win the world championship title with a 6‑0 record; and

Whereas, on the path to their national championship title, the Stars defeated teams from California, Illinois, New Jersey, Italy, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico before reaching the nationally‑televised semifinal and final games; and

Whereas, down to their last two outs and trailing 5‑4 in the top of the sixth inning, the Stars donned rally helmets and showed their championship mettle by rallying for five runs to claim a 9‑5 victory over the previously undefeated East, represented by a team from Robbinsville, New Jersey; and

Whereas, on August 16th, the world champions returned to the Palmetto State, where approximately five hundred fans waited at the CentrePlex to welcome the victors and celebrate their lofty achievement, an unprecedented feat for a team from South Carolina; and

Whereas, in addition to being honored by a championship parade down Main Street in Simpsonville on August 17th, the Simpsonville Stars were personally congratulated on their great achievement by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush during a visit to Charleston on October 8th; and

Whereas, the historic and tremendous accomplishments of the coaches and players of the Simpsonville Stars softball team have brought great pride to the Palmetto State, and the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a wonderful group of young women. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the South Carolina House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Simpsonville Stars softball team of Greenville County on an outstanding season and for winning the 2008 Little League Softball World Series title in Portland, Oregon, and to honor the team’s exemplary players and coaches.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the head coach of the Simpsonville Stars softball team.

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