**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, OF ROCK HILL, FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2008 CLASS AAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Whereas, fully ready for the challenge, Rock Hill’s South Pointe High School football team crowned a perfect 15‑0 season by capturing the 2008 Class AAAA Division II State Championship title, defeating Northwestern 35‑14 at Clemson’s Memorial Stadium on Saturday, December 6, 2008; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because it made school history, marking South Pointe’s first state championship in a varsity football program only three years old. Anchored by seniors who bought into a vision in 2005, this young team got the job done; and

Whereas, the championship game demonstrated the Stallions’ top‑drawer strength, agility, and skill, finely tuned team effort, and good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, using these talents and attributes, the team, under the capable leadership of Head Coach Bobby Carroll and his assistants, showed fans and foes alike that the Stallions’ championship victory was no accident; and

Whereas, adding luster to an already scintillating season, the team finished with a ranking of #2 in the Massey Ratings final poll and #3 in the country in the MaxPreps National Rankings, among other plaudits; and

Whereas, the team was awash in recognition of individual standouts, as well, including two North‑South All‑Star players; two Shrine Bowlers, one of whom walked away with the Shrine Bowl Most Valuable Player Award; two ESPN/Under Armour All‑American players; and a *Parade* magazine All‑American; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in recognizing the young men of the South Pointe High School football team for leading with excellence both in the classroom and on the football field and expects to hear of continued great achievements in the years 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 commend the South Pointe High School football team, of Rock Hill, for its outstanding season and for capturing the 2008 Class AAAA Division II State Championship title, and honor the team’s exceptional players, coaches, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Al Leonard and Head Coach Bobby Carroll, of South Pointe High School.

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