**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BUFORD HIGH SCHOOL LADY’S SOFTBALL TEAM OF LANCASTER COUNTY FOR A GREAT SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR CAPTURING THE 2009 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Lady Yellow Jackets of Buford High School have taken top honors as they handily batted, pitched, and fielded their way to the team’s first state softball championship; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their foes, the Buford softball team defeated Johnsonville High School in the best two-out-of-three championship series with 4-0 and 7-0 victories; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires skill, strength, strategy, and quickness, the Lady Yellow Jackets boasted a 26-9 record with thirteen shutouts and a .337 team batting average; and

Whereas, senior Lindsey Pressley had 42 hits for the season while juniors Jena Hallman and Leslie Pressley and eighth-grader Carley Bailey had 39 each, and senior Jordan Boone finished with 33 hits; and

Whereas, the Lady Yellow Jackets also had great pitching during the season where Jean Hallman pitched eleven shutouts, and Carley Bailey won the four games that she pitched; and

Whereas, even though the team will lose two seniors this year, the strength of the remaining players promises future wins for the Lady Yellow Jackets team; and

Whereas, Head Coach Ceclila Davis and Assistant Coaches Richard Hunter, Ronnie Bailey, and Wayne Boone used their own athletic ability and leadership skills to forge a championship team and to instill a standard of excellence in these players; and

Whereas, the members of the Buford High School Lady’s softball team have brought great pride and recognition to their school and to their community, and the House of Representatives expects to hear of future successes of these fine young athletes. 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 honor the Buford High School Lady’s softball team of Lancaster County for a winning season, and congratulate the players, coaches, and school officials for capturing the 2009 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Coach Cecilia Davis and Principal Jonathan Phipps.

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