**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WILLISTON‑ELKO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN UNDEFEATED 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 Williston‑Elko High School football team completed an outstanding undefeated season and brought home the state championship trophy on November 27, 2009; and

Whereas, their 34‑26 win over the Scott’s Branch High School Eagles marked the first state victory for the Williston‑Elko Blue Devils in twenty‑nine years and was all the sweeter after their loss to the Eagles in the 2008 state championship game; and

Whereas, throughout the season until the final game, the Blue Devils had outscored their opponents by an average of forty points per game, and their victory in a close game for the state title displayed their unmatched determination and prowess on the gridiron; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires the rigors of strength, skill, and fortitude, the Williston‑Elko Blue Devils rushed, passed, and pounded their way to grab the state’s top prize; and

Whereas, Coach Dwayne Garrick and his staff employed their own athletic ability and leadership skills to inspire their players and forge a championship team through demanding practices and tireless effort; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate these fine athletes and look to hear of more great accomplishments from them in the future. 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 Williston‑Elko High School football team for an undefeated 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 presented to Williston‑Elko High School Principal Skip Lax and Coach Dwayne Garrick.

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