**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE BELTON‑HONEA PATH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM ON ITS EXCELLENT SEASON AND IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2009 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, fully prepared for the challenge, the Belton‑Honea Path High School baseball team rolled past Camden to capture the 2009 Class AAA State Championship on March 22, 2009; and

Whereas, Newberry College’s Smith Road Complex echoed with the shouts of exuberant Bear fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized. During a hard‑fought game, the Bears used an unconventional call that nailed the victory and handed Belton‑Honea Path its first baseball state championship since 1991; and

Whereas, such victories do not just come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Coach Steve Williams built his baseball program into a championship team that refused to settle for second best; and

Whereas, the title victory made an outstanding 26‑6 baseball season for Belton‑Honea Path even sweeter; and

Whereas, the Bears have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a wonderful group of young athletes and their fine coach. 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 Belton‑Honea Path High School baseball team on its excellent season and impressive win of the 2009 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jimmy Ouzts and Coach Steve Williams of Belton‑Honea Path High School.

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