**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS AND THEIR COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2010 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EIGHT-MAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that the Jefferson Davis High School football team took top honors to win the South Carolina Independent School Association Eight-Man State Championship on November 19, 2010; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength, determination, and skill, the Jefferson Davis Raiders rushed and pounded their way across the gridiron to taste their first state championship victory since 2005 by defeating the W. W. King Academy Knights 40 to 36; and

Whereas, after defeating the Knights earlier in the season, the Raiders were stunned at half time to retreat to their locker room, trailing their rivals 20 to 8; and

Whereas, to the delight of the Raider fans and the disappointment of their benighted opponents, the Raiders took their first lead of the game with little more than five minutes left in the fourth quarter of play with a score of 24 to 20; and

Whereas, when the Raiders squared off against the Knights in the final game of the season, the six seniors on the team faced what they knew would be the most significant game of their young lives, and they dug deep to realize their dreams for a state title; and

Whereas, using their own athletic ability and training, Head Coach Jolly Doolittle and his skilled coaching staff forged a championship team through relentless practices and demanding drills and taught lessons that will prove invaluable to these fine athletes throughout life both on and off the field of play; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Jefferson Davis High School football players have brought to their school and to their community and look to hear of their success in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Jefferson Davis High School football team for a successful season, and congratulate the players and their coaches for capturing the 2010 South Carolina Independent School Association Eight-Man State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Bryan England and Coach Jolly Doolittle.

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