**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FOR A PERFECT SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS AND THEIR COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2010 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Pageland’s Central High School football team took top honors to win the South Carolina Class AA State Championship on December 4, 2010; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength, determination, and skill, the Central High Eagles rushed and pounded their way across the gridiron to taste their first state championship victory since 2003 by defeating the Dillon High School Wildcats 20-17; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their opponents, the Eagles recovered from a 10-0 Wildcat lead with a touchdown from a 40-yard run by Radford Robinson in the second quarter and an Eagle interception by De’aja Blakeney in the fourth quarter; and

Whereas, when Eagle Mardu Smith leaped for a one-yard run into the end zone in the last 37 seconds of play, he catapulted his teammates to the nail-biting 20-17 victory; and

Whereas, the Central High Eagles ended their season with a 15-0 record to win their fourth state championship title in the school’s history and ended their opponents 24-game winning streak in the most exciting championship game of the 2010 season; and

Whereas, in his eighth season of coaching the Eagles, Head Coach Joey Mangum and his skilled coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to hone a championship machine 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 Central High School football players have brought to their school and to their community through this accomplishment 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 Central High School football team of Chesterfield County for a perfect season, and congratulate the players and their coaches for capturing the 2010 South Carolina Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal J. R. Green and Coach Joey Mangum.

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