**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Fort Mill High School boys lacrosse team took top honors to win the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship on April 16, 2011; and

Whereas, in a sport that is physically demanding while requiring strong hand‑eye coordination and skill, the Fort Mill Yellow Jackets battled with honor to taste their first state‑championship victory by defeating the Greenville High School Red Raiders 16‑12; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their opponents, the Yellow Jackets dominated the final quarter after a back‑and‑forth game when they scored six points to Greenville’s one in the fourth quarter and recovered from the Red Raider lead; and

Whereas, the Yellow Jackets were led in scoring by senior Steve Blanchard with five goals and freshman Mitch Russell with three, and following the team’s fourth‑quarter spirit, junior goalie D. J. Quill made seven of his sixteen goal saves in the last quarter; and

Whereas, in the fifth season of fielding a team, the Yellow Jackets finished their season with a 15‑2 record, with one of their losses to Greenville earlier in the season; and

Whereas, using their own athletic skill and training, Head Coach Jim Van Blarcom and his skilled coaching staff forged a championship team through relentless practices and demanding drills, teaching 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 Fort Mill High School lacrosse 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 South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Fort Mill High School boys lacrosse team for an outstanding season, and congratulate the team and coaches for capturing the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal M. Dee Christopher and Coach Jim Van Blarcom.

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