**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Chesterfield High School baseball team nabbed the 2011 Class A State Championship title on Saturday, May 21, 2011; and

Whereas, while Chesterfield fans cheered with elation, Taylor King homered and drove in three runs as the Rams defeated Lake View 11‑6 in the deciding game of the best‑of‑three Class A championship series at Hartsville’s Jimmy White Park; and

Whereas, catcher Colby Croxton led the Rams with four hits, and Taylor King added three hits, including a two‑run homer in the fourth inning to break a 3‑3 tie; and

Whereas, excitement over this title win was especially intense because forty‑eight years had passed since Chesterfield had last taken home the winner’s trophy in baseball at the state title game; and

Whereas, the victory was made all the sweeter by the fact that the team finished the season at 26‑7, a new school record. In addition, the Rams racked up a team batting average of .393 for the season, with thirty home runs, and all nine starters carried a batting average of .325 or higher; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength, strategy, and speed, Coach Jimmy Weatherford used his own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team, in the process instilling a standard of excellence in these athletes that will serve them well throughout their lives, both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, this very satisfying state title is the first for Coach Weatherford, who is in his twenty‑sixth season of coaching and is thirteenth on the state’s all‑time wins list; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that these fine athletes have brought to their school and community and look with interest to their continued accomplishments 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 Chesterfield High School baseball team on its outstanding season, and congratulate the team members and coaches for capturing the 2011 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Scott Radkin and Coach Jimmy Weatherford.

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