**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE COLLETON PREPARATORY ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready to tackle the challenge, the Colleton Preparatory Academy football team nailed the 2011 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class A State Championship title, defeating Holly Hill 29‑8 on November 19, 2011; and

Whereas, the stadium echoed with the cheers of exuberant Colleton Prep fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to an outstanding 10‑2 season, in which the War Hawks outscored their opponents by more than two hundred points. By the end of the title game, the Hawks’ admirers were already looking with anticipation to a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach Neil Minton has built his football program into a championship team that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, making a scintillating win even brighter, Tanner Cope was named SCISA Class A Player of the Year; Jordan Breland was selected to represent the War Hawks in the Oasis Shrine Bowl; and Reed Houck, Scott Cope, Tanner Cope, Dalton Mescia, and Cody Cope were named to the SCISA North‑South All‑Star team; and

Whereas, in addition, Coach Minton was named 2011 SCISA Class A Coach of the Year and was selected to serve as an assistant coach in the SCISA North‑South All‑Star game. The Hawks’ Ryan Bishop, offensive‑line coach, and Jeremy Ware, defensive‑backs coach, joined Coach Minton in being named to this latter honor; and

Whereas, the War Hawks 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. 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 Colleton Preparatory Academy football team on its impressive win of the 2011 South Carolina Independent School Association Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Jennifer Bratsafolis and Head Coach Neil Minton of Colleton Preparatory Academy.

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