**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAPIN EAGLES RUGBY CLUB ON WINNING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, ready for the challenge, the Chapin High School Eagles Rugby Club defeated the Greenville Red Raiders 12‑0 to capture yet another state championship, making it a back‑to‑back title story for the Eagles; and

Whereas, the May 12, 2012, title game took place at The Citadel’s Johnson‑Hagood Stadium, where ecstatic Chapin fans watched the Eagles have it all their own way; and

Whereas, the Eagles, who haven’t lost an in‑state game in two years, proved they had fully absorbed the skills, self‑discipline, and spirit of determination that Coach Neil Richards had strived to build into his athletes all season; and

Whereas, prior to grabbing their slot in the championship bout, the Eagles were crowned 2012 Patriot Conference champions, giving them an undefeated record in Matrix play with a 10‑0 record and a 14‑0 overall record; and

Whereas, in a sport that has been played in the Palmetto State for only five seasons, the Chapin Eagles are fast becoming a South Carolina rugby legend; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting the players of the Chapin Eagles Rugby Club for their championship win, as well as for their fine example both on and off the field. The members look with interest to the further achievements of this exceptional 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, congratulate the Chapin Eagles Rugby Club on winning the 2012 South Carolina High School Rugby State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Akil Ross and Coach Neil Richards of Chapin High School.

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