**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 1972 BISHOPVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND THEIR COACHES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that the members of the Bishopville High School state championship football team of 1972 will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the team’s victory; and

Whereas, after a 10‑0 regular season record in 1972, the Bishopville Dragons defeated Lake View High School 25‑8 in the first play‑off game and captured the Class AA Lower State Championship against Cainhoy High School in Huger 41‑8; and

Whereas, on November 24, 1972, the Dragons squared off against the Woodruff High School Wolverines in an electrifying game that ended in a 14‑13 victory for Bishopville and gave the Dragons a perfect season and the Class AA state championship title; and

Whereas, the Wolverine team captains, senior Carey Scarborough, senior Randy Abraham, and junior Ray Frierson, led their teammates in a remarkable undefeated 13‑0 season; and

Whereas, in addition to the senior captains, six more players completed the senior roster: Howard Thomas, Joe Ed Scott, Spann Reames, Walby Craven, Laverne Washington, and Marvin Issac; and

Whereas, the junior roster included sixteen players besides the junior captain: Tommy Wilkie, Ralph Boykin, Tommy Woodham, Archie Amerson, Ernest Yates, Donnie Huggins, Sammy Joe, Jimmy Bracey, McKinley Green, Larry Davis, Ernest Moses, Mike McLendon, Tommy McKnight, Collins Bolden, Herbert Isacc, and Levi Hickman; and

Whereas, the sophomore class boasted six players on the 1972 championship team: Eugene Bracey, John Robinson, Paul Addison, Arthur Stephney, Payton Reed, and Robin Jeffords; and

Whereas, Head Coach J. W. Jones and his assistant coaches, Max Dubose, Ennis Bryant, Charles Stuckey, and Ray Arrants, used their own athletic ability and training to mold the 1972 state championship team, while instilling values that have proven to be important and of great use to these athletes throughout their lives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina appreciate the recognition that these athletes’ achievements have brought to their school, their families, and their communities and wish them well as they celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their victory. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognizes and honors the members of the 1972 Bishopville High School State Championship football team and congratulate them and their coaches as they celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their championship game.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the 1972 Bishopville High School State Championship football team.

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