**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND COACHES FOR GARNERING THE 2011 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that the Abbeville High School softball team took top honors at the 2011 State Championship series on Saturday, May 21, 2011; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their opponents, the Abbeville Lady Panthers defeated the Lake View High School Wild Gators 6‑2 in the third game of the series and became the first girls team in the school’s history to win a state title; and

Whereas, prior to the final game, each team had taken a single 1‑0 victory in the first two games of the series, making the third game a do‑or‑die contest for both teams; and

Whereas, Lady Panther Gennifer Durham toed the rubber in the last game and pitched a complete game while teammate Jordan Ashley hit two home runs of the six total runs scored by her team; and

Whereas, through relentless practices and demanding drills, the Lady Panthers were undefeated in their region, taking the Region 1 championship on May 13, 2011, and finishing their year with a 26‑3 overall record; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires skill, strength, and strategy, Head Coach Tim Collins and his fine coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team, teaching lessons that will prove invaluable to these fine athletes throughout life both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Abbeville High School softball players have brought to their school and to their community through this achievement and expect to hear of their future accomplishments. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Abbeville High School softball team for an outstanding season, and congratulate the team and coaches for garnering the 2011 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Ivy Landry and Coach Tim Collins.

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