**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LADIES SOFTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SCHOOL’S FIRST EVER AAA STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the Union County Lady Jackets softball team defeated Hartsville High School on Saturday, May 24, 2014, to claim the AAA State Softball Championship; and

Whereas, the team swept the best‑of‑three series by winning game one of the series 4‑3, and game two 8‑5. The win gave the Union County ladies softball team their first ever state championship title; and

Whereas, Hartsville took the lead 1‑0 early in the game. Union County answered when Karlie Lane hit a triple, giving the Lady Jackets a 2‑0 lead in the third inning. Hartsville then regained their lead after scoring a home run in the fourth inning and Union County answered again by scoring four runs in the fifth inning, taking a 6‑3 lead. The Lady Jackets added to their lead in the seventh inning on back to back RBI doubles by Karlie Lane and Clarissa Hughes. In the bottom half of the inning, Hartsville made a comeback, scoring two runs. Pitcher Payton Martin held the Hartsville batters from scoring any more. Martin struck out six Hartsville players during the game; and

Whereas, Head Coach Tommy Petty said about the team, “They set their heart this past summer to work hard and they never quit. They had one thing on their mind, a state championship, and they came and got what they wanted”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the pride and recognition that the Union County High School ladies softball team players have brought to their school and community, and the members wish them much success in future seasons. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, recognizes and honors the Union County High School ladies softball team for an outstanding season and congratulates them on winning the school’s first ever AAA state softball championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Head Coach Tommy Petty.

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