**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE HARTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2012 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Hartsville High School football team drove past Union County 62‑27 to capture the 2012 Class AAA State Championship, held on December 1, 2012; and

Whereas, Williams‑Brice Stadium in Columbia echoed with the cheers of exuberant Hartsville fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to a perfect 15‑0 season. By the end of the title game, the Red Foxes’ admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

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

Whereas, making a scintillating win even brighter, the championship victory gave the Red Foxes their first football title since 1988. It was Hartsville’s fourth state title in football overall and its first as a Triple‑A school; and

Whereas, the Red Foxes played for more than just themselves on December 1, 2012: Hartsville’s powerhouse seniors poured on the offense, and its defense came up with key stops in memory of former teammate Ronald Rouse, a 320‑pound senior lineman, who died in October of sudden cardiac arrhythmia brought on by a congenital enlarged heart. The Red Foxes ran through a banner with Ronald’s number 74 and the words “The Win Beneath Our Wings” emblazoned prominently thereon; and

Whereas, the Red Foxes 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 Hartsville High School football team on its impressive win of the 2012 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Charlie Burry and Coach Jeff Calabrese of Hartsville High School.

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