**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Hilton Head Christian Academy varsity football team of Beaufort County took top honors for the second year in a row at the state competition; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Hilton Head Eagles denied the pre‑season favorites, the Thomas Heyward Rebels, and kept the trophy with a score of 29 to 22, even though the Eagles had entered the fourth quarter with a 6‑point deficit; and

Whereas, Eagle Brad Meccariello scored a game changer when he ran a punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter and then intercepted a Rebel pass with little more than a minute to go in the game, sealing the school’s fourth state championship in seven years. He recorded six catches for 74 yards and a touchdown, six carries for 41 yards and a touchdown, plus ten tackles and two interceptions on defense; and

Whereas, after scoring Hilton Head’s first touchdown, Jamario Williams intercepted a Rebel pass and led his team’s receivers with six catches for 135 yards and recorded eight tackles on defense; and

Whereas, the Eagle’s sophomore quarterback, Caleb Lewis, completed almost seventy percent of his passes for 272 yards and threw two touchdown passes, while senior linebacker Will McCutchen recorded eighteen tackles in the championship game, one of them on the ball carrier when the Rebels attempted a fake punt for a two‑yard loss; and

Whereas, senior Eagles Clay Oliver and Reed Shindell led the team’s defensive efforts that limited Thomas Heyward’s offense to a score below their season average. Linebacker Clay Oliver recorded eleven tackles, and defensive tackle Reed Shindell posted ten tackles; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, talent, and determination, Head Coach Tommy Lewis and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the Hilton Head Christian Academy varsity football players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 honor the Hilton Head Christian Academy varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2012 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 2A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Larry Green and Coach Tommy Lewis.

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