**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT DORCHESTER HOCKEY CLUB AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTIC HOCKEY ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that the members of the Fort Dorchester Hockey Club of Dorchester County took top honors at the state competition on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at the Carolina Ice Palace in North Charleston; and

Whereas, in an exhilarating show of athleticism and speed from the two hockey teams that led the standings all season, the Fort Dorchester Patriots defeated Greenville North 2‑1 in the championship game that ended the weekend‑long tournament; and

Whereas, Fort Dorchester freshman Ean Hickam mounted a classic defense in the Patriot net from the top of the game until the final and furious attempts of the Greenville North offense to take the lead in the last period; and

Whereas, for the first two periods, Greenville North also defended its goal well so that neither team scored until deep into the last period; and

Whereas, with goals from Fort Dorchester junior Dylan Belida and senior alternate captain Justin LeBlanc, the Patriots scored their game‑total two goals in the final period, but Greenville was only able to answer those with one successful shot; and

Whereas, the Fort Dorchester Patriots have won the state title five times, three of them in the last four years, since the association first started hosting games in 2002; and

Whereas, as this year’s state champions, the Fort Dorchester Hockey Club will represent the Palmetto State at the 2013 USA Hockey High School Nationals; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, skill, and stamina, Head Coach Jeffrey Cliff and his Assistant Coach Jason Cliff have capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the ice; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina appreciates the pride and recognition that the members of the Fort Dorchester Hockey Club have brought to their community and looks 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 Fort Dorchester Hockey Club and coaches for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the Scholastic Hockey Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Fort Dorchester Hockey Club.

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