**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Loris High School baseball team of Horry County captured the class AA title at the 2014 regional competitions; and

Whereas, in the playoffs on the road to the state championship series, the Loris team defeated Wade Hampton, Bishop England, Dillon, Waccamaw, Andrews, and Lake City high schools; and

Whereas, although the Loris Lions returned all but one player from the 2013 roster and cruised through the 2014 playoff brackets to make it to the state championship series, they spent their season trying to shake their image as underdogs; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, Loris took the first game of the series against Ninety Six High School in the state competition at Spring Valley in Columbia at the end of May 2014; and

Whereas, then to the disappointment of those fans, the Lions lost the second game, and in a three‑day, weather‑delayed final game in the best‑two‑out‑of‑three series, they lost again to the Ninety Six Wildcats 8‑4; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, strategy, and speed, the Loris Lions endured demanding practices and relentless drills to develop and execute solid fundamentals throughout the season that brought them to the state championship, made the 2014 baseball team the first one in school history to win a game in a state championship series, and laid the groundwork for future success; and

Whereas, the 2014 Loris lineup included Ryan Bellamy, Kolin Causey, Trey Stewart, Austin Hord, Bryson Daniels, Tanner Cox, Whit Rivenbark, Tanner Chock, Desmond Dozier, Stacy Dozier, Reagan Fowler, Keith Norris, Clay Faircloth, Malik Vereen, Junior Long, and student manager, Hunter Bell; and

Whereas, assisted by Coaches Lang Kinlaw, Joe Zub, Michael Green, Jack Hord, and Wes Skipper, Head Coach Keith Daniels used his athletic ability and training to build a winning team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Loris baseball 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 Loris High School varsity baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an impressive season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Class AA Regional Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Dirk Gurley and Coach Keith Daniels.

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