**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2013 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the A.C. Flora High School baseball team of Columbia took top honors at the state title series on Monday, May 20, 2013; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their foes, for the second year in a row the Falcons ran home with the title trophy as champions of Class AAA baseball; and

Whereas, in a battle of the birds, the Falcons defeated the Airport Eagles 11‑3 in the second game in the best‑of‑three championship series to win the state title; and

Whereas, for A.C. Flora Head Coach Andy Hallett, who capitalized on his own athletic skills and winning strategy to forge a championship ball club and an outstanding season, it was his fourth career state title with the Falcons; and

Whereas, the catalyst for the Flora offense, Donald Gillespie belted a two‑run home run in the first and added a two‑run double in the fourth as the Falcons jumped out to an 8‑3 lead, holding the Eagles to 3 while they kept the runs coming. This prime hitter drove in five of the Falcons’ eleven runs; and

Whereas, proud of these fine athletes, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the recognition the A.C. Flora High School baseball players have brought to their school and community, and the members look to hear of many more victories for the school in the coming seasons. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the A.C. Flora High School baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2013 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Richard McClure and Coach Andy Hallett.

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