**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE DILLON HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON THE GRIDIRON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING YET ANOTHER CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure, even pride, that the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that the Dillon High School varsity football team of Dillon County has added another feather in its cap as the team successfully defended its state title at the River Bluff High School Stadium in Lexington at the close of 2014; and

Whereas, the Dillon Wildcats took home a triple‑crown trophy when they defeated the Newberry High School Bulldogs 49‑27, maintaining the state title for three consecutive years and amassing five state victories since 2008; and

Whereas, after three touchdowns by the Wildcats’ junior running back Johnny Allen in the first half of the game, Dillon held a 21‑7 lead over the Bulldogs. The Wildcats emerged to score another touchdown in the first few seconds of the third quarter when Randal Davis handily bundled up a fumble at the Dillon one yard line and ran it 99 yards; and

Whereas, the two teams each completed another touchdown to end the third quarter 35‑14, but Dillon added another two touchdowns in the fourth quarter for the final 49‑27 tally in the championship game; and

Whereas, through relentless drills and demanding practices, the Dillon Wildcats were rewarded by finishing their stellar season with a perfect 14‑0 record; and

Whereas, along with his fine coaching staff, Head Coach Jackie Hayes, our friend and respected colleague for District 55 in the House of Representatives, shaped these young athletes into a championship team and instilled in them valuable lessons that will carry them through the gridiron of life; and

Whereas, mindful of the distinction that the Dillon High School football team has brought to its school and its community, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives look to hear of the continued accomplishments of these fine athletes in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor the Dillon High School varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for their successful season on the gridiron and congratulate them for garnering yet another Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Shawn Johnson and Coach Jackie Hayes.

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