**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2015 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the Ninety Six High School Wildcats baseball team grabbed top honors at the state title series on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, after defeating Dillon by a score of 6‑3; and

Whereas, the Wildcats, capped off an impressive 26‑5 season by securing their second title in school history after winning their first title in 2014; and

Whereas, Jacob Childress pitched a complete game in his final high school appearance before attending Charleston Southern next year and recorded three strike outs; and

Whereas, the Wildcats had an explosive fourth inning, led by Spencer Williams, who drove in the first run on an RBI single; and

Whereas, catcher Wyatt Owens drew in two more runs after hitting a chopper past the Dillon third baseman; and

Whereas, designated hitter Evan Sellers hit a two‑out, two run single to extend the Wildcats lead to 5‑0; and

Whereas, Dillon rallied late, but the Wildcats were able to turn a double play to end the game and claim the championship trophy; and

Whereas, losing five seniors from the 2014 state championship team presented a challenge, however coach Chad Ellis was able to adapt his teams style of play and his players stepped up to the challenge to secure the school’s second championship title in the past two years; and

Whereas, proud of these fine student athletes, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the recognition the Ninety Six High School baseball players have once again brought to their school and community, and look to hear of many more victories for the school in coming seasons. 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 Ninety Six High School baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and to congratulate them on winning the 2015 Class AA state championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Rex Ward and Coach Chad Ellis.

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