**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND ITS FINE COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2015 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the South Pointe High School football team drove past Midland Valley 35‑0 to capture the 2015 Class AAA State Championship, held on Saturday, December 12, 2015; and

Whereas, Williams‑Brice Stadium in Columbia echoed with the cheers of exuberant South Pointe fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of a back‑to‑back title victory realized as a satisfying end to an excellent season; and

Whereas, by the end of the title game, the Stallions’ many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a threepeat performance next year, although such a victory would fall under Class AAAA since South Pointe will move to that classification for the 2016 season; and

Whereas, the South Pointe players, fueled by the excitement of knowing they could make it two in a row, shellacked their opponents, leaving no doubt in anyone’s mind about who deserved the crown. Further, with this win the Stallions became only the seventh school in Class AAA history and the first Rock Hill team to win consecutive state championships; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Coach Strait Herron and his dedicated staff have built their football program into a championship team that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, in the title game, the turning point came early. After South Pointe took a 7‑0 lead, Midland Valley’s offense stalled, resulting in a shanked, short punt. The Stallions capitalized on the short field for a 14‑yard touchdown and a 14‑0 lead. A South Pointe score in each of the remaining quarters padded the scoresheet for the repeat champions; and

Whereas, the Stallions have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding group of young athletes. 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 congratulate the South Pointe High School football team and its fine coaches on their impressive win of the 2015 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Al Leonard and Coach Strait Herron of South Pointe High School.

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