**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A PERFECT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 CLASS AAAA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Fort Dorchester High School football team of Charleston County took top honors at the state competition held at Williams‑Brice Stadium on Saturday, December 12, 2015; and

Whereas, winning this year’s title, the first football championship in the school’s history, was made even sweeter having lost in the state semi-finals in 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Patriots finished a perfect 15‑0 season when they defeated Dorman High School by a final score of 59‑31, the fifth time in the season that the Patriots scored at least 50 points; and

Whereas, the game was tied at 17, until the explosive Patriots rushed and passed for four consecutive touchdowns in just five minutes between the end of the second quarter and the start of the third; and

Whereas, Fort Dorchester continued to roll in the third quarter scoring two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the period; and

Whereas, averaging 432 yards per game going into the finals, Fort Dorchester capitalized on four turnovers by the Dorman Cavaliers and finished with 537 total yards; and

Whereas, Coach Steve LaPrad and his skilled staff capitalized on their own athletic abilities and training to forge a championship team in a sport that demands strength, expertise, and determination; and

Whereas, functioning as a close‑knit family, these athletes have learned lessons from their coaches and from one another that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Fort Dorchester football 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 Fort Dorchester High School varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for a perfect season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 Class AAAA Division I State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Bert Postell and Coach Steve LaPrad.

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