**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATTA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2015 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, fully ready for the challenge, the Latta High School softball team defeated the Dixie Hornets 16‑6 and crowned its splendid season by capturing the 2015 Class A State Championship title on May 22, 2015; and

Whereas, during the title game, Latta scored one run in the bottom of the first and five in the third before tying the game 6‑6 with one run in the bottom of the fourth. The Lady Vikings added five runs in the bottom of the fifth and four in the sixth to seal the win; and

Whereas, by the end of the title game, the Lady Vikings’ many admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands skill, speed, and teamwork, Coach Stephanie Johnson Ard and her staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach their athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the Latta High School softball players have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and their many admirers, including the members of the House of Representatives, look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the future. 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 Latta High School softball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2015 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Leigh Sloan and Coach Stephanie Johnson Ard.

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