**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ROBERT E. LEE ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Robert E. Lee football team of Lee County took top honors at the state competition held at Charlie W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Robert E. Lee Cavaliers celebrated the school’s golden anniversary and finished a perfect 12‑0 season by defeating Colleton Preparatory School 38‑16; and

Whereas, after losing the opening onside kick to the Colleton Warhawks, the Cavaliers’ dominating defense quickly put an end to any forward progress by their opponents; and

Whereas, Robert E. Lee’s quarterback Bryce Barrett kept the ball alive for forty yards to claim the opening score of the game on his team’s first offensive drive, taking a 7‑0 lead; and

Whereas, catching a 52‑yard pass, teammate William Corbett posted the Cavaliers’ second touchdown of the game. They scored again in the second quarter on a five‑yard touchdown pass from Bryce Barrett to teammate Harry Cook, but the Warhawks were able to find the end zone right before halftime, cutting the Cavalier lead to 19‑8 as the teams headed for the locker room; and

Whereas, when Cavalier Weston Green returned for the second half, he scored two touchdowns, one on a four‑yard run and the other on a sixty‑seven‑yard run, giving the Cavaliers a 32‑8 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter; and

Whereas, only after Robert E. Lee’s Nick Stokes topped off the scoreboard with a thirty‑seven‑yard run in the fourth quarter, did the Warhawks answer with the game’s final touchdown, leaving the final score of 38‑16 to give the Cavaliers the school’s second state title in football; and

Whereas, the Robert E. Lee offense rushed and pounded in domination of the field, completing six of nine drives with touchdowns and amassing 464 total yards, and the Cavalier defense held Colleton to 235 yards; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, proficiency, and determination, Head Coach David Rankin and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Robert E. Lee Academy football players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their future achievements in the days to come. 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 Robert E. Lee Academy varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Maria Watson and Coach David Rankin.

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