**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE DILLON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON TAKING HOME THE 2017 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, determined to make it back on top again, the Dillon High School football team poured it on to outscore Chapman 55‑27 at the 2017 Class AAA State Championship title game, played on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Columbia’s Williams‑Brice Stadium; and

Whereas, it was the crowning moment of a perfect 15‑0 season and the fifth title in the last six years for the Wildcats. It was also the seventh crown for Head Coach Jackie Hayes, who now moves into second place in state history with seven state titles; and

Whereas, since Dillon lost 29‑27 to Chapman in last year’s title game, sweet revenge belonged to the Wildcats as they hoisted the title trophy in 2017; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach Jackie Hayes has built his football program into one of championship caliber that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young athletes well both on and off the gridiron. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Dillon High School football team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Dillon High School football team, coaches, and school officials for a spectacular season and congratulate them on taking home the 2017 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Timothy Gibbs and Head Coach Jackie Hayes of Dillon High School.

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