**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE WILSON HALL SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Wilson Hall softball team from Sumter captured the state championship on May 17, 2018; and

Whereas, down 3‑2 in the bottom of the seventh in game two of the best of three series, the Lady Barons stepped up to the plate to pull out a win. Liza Lowder, with a count of 2‑2 with two out and two on, drilled a shot to right field, easily scoring Madison Elmore from third with Drake Ives sliding home to score the go‑ahead run; and

Whereas, not ready to stop there, Becka Noyes connected with the first pitch of her at‑bat for a single to shallow centerfield, scoring Liza. Madison Sliwonik followed suit with contact on another first pitch, sailing the ball into the right field corner for an inside‑the‑park homerun, bringing the final score to 7-3; and

Whereas, with a 27‑9 record for the season, this state title represents the Lady Barons’ first since 2014; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands teamwork and perseverance, Head Coach Teresa Alexander capitalized on her own training and expertise to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the ladies of the Wilson Hall softball team 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, congratulate and honor the Wilson Hall softball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and applaud them for winning the South Carolina Independent School Association 3A state championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster and High School Principal Fred Moulton and Coach Teresa Alexander.

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