**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO SALUTE THE PLAYERS ON AN UNFORGETTABLE SEASON.

Whereas, a team of destiny, the Wren High School Hurricanes football team roared past the Myrtle Beach Seahawks 35‑23 to decisively claim the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship; and

Whereas, a throng of excited Wren fans packed Columbia’s Williams‑Brice Stadium on Saturday, December 7, 2019, to watch the Hurricanes take it all the way to the top of the mountain for the first time in school history. After the wire‑to‑wire win (Wren never trailed), the players packed up hardware only champions get to take home. It felt good, and Wren deservedly savored the feeling; and

Whereas, in the title game, the Hurricanes were in sync and showed the great chemistry that had been in evidence all year. Much as was the case in the upper state championship game against Ridge View, the Hurricanes got off to a hot start. Senior quarterback Joe Owens found junior Hayden Willimon on a 51‑yard touchdown to give Wren a 7‑0 lead halfway through the first quarter. After Myrtle Beach answered with a touchdown, two more touchdown passes to Tyler Cherry and Eli Wilson extended the lead to 21‑7; and

Whereas, at the end of the game, Wren ran out the clock to secure its historic championship win. The season ended for the Hurricanes as their best ever; and

Whereas, championship seasons result from grit, tenacity, and hard work, and Head Coach Jeff Tate and his fine staff are proven experts in instilling these qualities in the teams they coach. Together, they raised Wren High football to a level of glory never before achieved; and

Whereas, the Wren High School Hurricanes football players have given their school and community reason to be proud of their accomplishments, and the members of the Senate take great pleasure in adding their collective voice to the glowing praise for this outstanding group of young athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor the Wren High School football team and coaches on their impressive win of the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship and salute the players on an unforgettable season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Seth Young and Head Coach Jeff Tate of Wren High School.

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