**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2018 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, not to be denied the crown, the Dutch Fork High School football team drove past T.L. Hanna 59‑20 to nail the 2018 Class AAAAA State Championship in style; and

Whereas, at the title contest, Columbia’s Williams‑Brice Stadium echoed with the cheers of exuberant Dutch Fork fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to a perfect 13‑0 season attached to a twenty‑five game winning streak. By the end of the title game, the Silver Foxes’ admirers were already looking with anticipation toward a repeat performance next year; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach Tom Knotts, supported by his fine staff, has built his football program into a championship machine that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, with this championship victory, Dutch Fork has taken home its fourth state football title overall and its third in a row, all under Coach Knott. The Silver Foxes are the seventeenth team in state history to win three titles running; and

Whereas, Dutch Fork, which outscored its opponents 770‑131 this year, is ranked No. 17 in *USA Today*’s Super 25 poll; and

Whereas, the Silver Foxes once again have given their school and community reason to be proud of their accomplishments, and the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in adding their collective voice to the many encomiums flowing in to this outstanding group of young athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Dutch Fork High School football team and coaches on their impressive win of the 2018 Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Gerald Gary, principal, and Head Coach Tom Knotts of Dutch Fork High School.

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