**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Chester High School varsity football team of Chester County took top honors at the state competition held at Williams‑Brice Stadium in Columbia on December 7, 2018; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Chester High School Cyclones defeated the competitive Dillon High School team, one of the state’s top programs, 34‑28, to secure the program’s first title in fifty‑five years; and

Whereas, Chester benefitted from three turnovers against the Wildcats, including a 96‑yard interception return for a score by Cyclone Stan Mills in the first quarter; and

Whereas, although the Dillon Wildcats had trailed 34‑12 in the third quarter, they made a vigorous attempt in the second half, but could not overtake the Cyclones’ last six points; and

Whereas, even after Chester bobbled the snap on a punt deep in its own territory, the Wildcats were unable to convert it to championship currency when Cyclone Teddy Murphy sacked the Dillon quarterback inside the twenty‑yard line; and

Whereas, Javonti Jackson picked off a pass in the end zone with less than seven minutes left in the game to secure the title for Chester and the Cyclones; and

Whereas, Chester’s Pha’Leak Brown ran for three touchdowns and finished with 95 yards rushing; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, expertise, and determination, Head Coach Victor Floyd and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to forge a championship‑caliber 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 Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Chester football players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Chester High School varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2018 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Missy Meyer and Coach Victor Floyd.

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