**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND CELEBRATE THE SILVER FOXES’ CAPTURE OF THE 2019 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Dutch Fork High School baseball team of Richland County took top honors at the state championship on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Columbia Fireflies’ Segra Park in Columbia; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes defeated the Blythewood Bengals 2‑1 to win the program’s first state championship title; and

Whereas, playing in one of the toughest regions in the state, the Foxes finished third in their region. The team went 6‑0 in elimination games in the playoffs and won the last two games of the series; and

Whereas, demonstrating courage, drive, and pure heart, the Foxes turned in a marvelous performance of teamwork, keeping the excited crowd enthralled; and

Whereas, using his own considerable athletic training and skills, Coach Casey Waites and his skilled coaching staff built his players into championship caliber and encouraged them not to settle for second best; and

Whereas, proud of these fine student athletes, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the recognition the Dutch Fork High School baseball players have brought to their school and community, and the members look to hear of many more victories for the school in coming seasons. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Dutch Fork High School baseball team for an impressive season and celebrate the Silver Foxes’ capture of the 2019 Class AAAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Gerald Gary, principal, and Coach Casey Waites.

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