**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2019 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, rising to the occasion, the Dutch Fork High School football team fought past Dorman 34‑31 to capture the 2019 Class AAAAA State Championship in a hotly contested battle of wills; and

Whereas, at the title contest, Columbia’s Williams‑Brice Stadium echoed with the cheers of exuberant Dutch Fork fans, thrilled to see their team seize a difficult overtime victory and cap off a nearly perfect 14‑0‑1 season attached to a forty‑game unbeaten streak. As a team that has developed a tradition of excellence, the Silver Foxes’ loyal fans have already begun to look forward with anticipation toward another season in which they can pursue greatness; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight or with talent alone; they take determination, perseverance, and hard work. 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 consecutive football title and its fifth overall, all under Coach Knotts, who now claims twelve state titles under his belt. The Silver Foxes are the seventh team in state history to win four titles in a row; 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 joining their collective voice to the many praises flowing toward 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 2019 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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