**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE HAMMOND SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS SPECTACULAR WIN OF THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, with the biggest prize in South Carolina high school football on the line, the Hammond Skyhawks focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coaches’ exhortations, and came through like the champions they are. Seizing the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) crown as the third state title of a threepeat gained them Hammond’s seventeenth football championship in school history, as well as the school’s one hundred fiftieth state title overall; and

Whereas, with tears of joy and jubilation all around, the Skyhawks celebrated their 49‑21 win over Laurence Manning in this riveting 3A title game, held on November 22, 2019; and

Whereas, played at Benedict College’s Charlie W. Johnson Stadium, the game also held great satisfaction for Head Coach Erik Kimrey of Hammond. The win was his eleventh state championship since he took over as coach in 2004. Quick to give credit to his excellent staff of assistant coaches, Coach Kimrey praises Jeff Barnes, Bralyn Bennett, Gene Smith, Ken Watson, Jay Frye, Bill Kimrey, and Austin Daniel, as well as Roy Kirby, Hammond’s outstanding defensive coordinator, for their invaluable contributions to the Skyhawks’ success; and

Whereas, in addition, Hammond’s senior roster closed out an impressive career as part of forty‑five team victories. With such a fine record, it is no surprise that Hammond dominated its SCISA competition this season. In twelve wins, the Skyhawks’ average margin of victory was 43 points; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, appreciative of the well‑deserved recognition these athletes have brought to their school and community, congratulates the Skyhawks, and the members look with interest toward hearing of their further successes both on and off the football field. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, applaud the Hammond School football team on its spectacular win of the 2019 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 3A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Chris Angel and Head Coach Erik Kimrey of Hammond School.

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