**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 8U CHESTERFIELD SOCCER YOUTH PROGRAM AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the 8U (eight years old and under) Chesterfield Soccer Youth Program took top honors at the state series held in Orangeburg on December 7, 2019; and

Whereas, to the absolute delight of their exuberant fans, the 8U Chesterfield Soccer Youth Program defeated a fine field of competitors. The Chesterfield team took the Beaufort team in the morning, 2‑1, and then shut out the Seneca team, 3‑0; and

Whereas, the team went in to the championship games undefeated and emerged with the state trophy; and

Whereas, members of the team include Jac Cockrell, Kaylee Griggs, Liam Griggs, Jeb Hargett, Dawson Harper. Wallace Herring, Avery Moss, Seth Moten, Drew Najera, Luke Perry, Brayden Schaff, and Warren Wetternek, most of whom will graduate to the 10U division next year; and

Whereas, the team is sponsored by the Town of Pageland and supported by the towns of Mt. Croghan and Ruby. The Chesterfield program would not have been able to compete without the assistance of the Town of Ruby, a town with a population of fewer than four hundred which provided the town’s community baseball field for practice and home games; and

Whereas, Head Coach Carmelo Najera was assisted by a supportive field of coaches: James Griggs, Greg Perry, Chad Hamden, and Nathan Najera. Together they maximized their own experience and passion to produce a championship‑caliber team and teach these young athletes valuable life lessons; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition that the Chesterfield soccer players have brought to their community, and the members expect to hear of the team’s continued accomplishments in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the 8U Chesterfield Soccer Youth Program and coaches for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2019 South Carolina State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Carmelo Najera.

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