**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND CELEBRATE THE EAGLES’ CAPTURE OF THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Eastside High School baseball team of Greenville County took top honors at the state championship competition on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, defeating Midland Valley 8‑7 in the best‑of‑three series; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the Eagles hoisted a championship trophy that testified to the Eastside baseball program’s first state title win in school history; and

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

Whereas, despite winning the opener of the best‑of‑three series 11‑1 on Monday, Eastside’s Coach Scott Erwin knew that the Midland Valley Mustangs would not go quietly. He was right. Eastside used aggressive base running and timely hitting to take a 4‑0 lead. However, Midland Valley chipped away at the Eagles’ lead to make it 4‑2 after four innings; and

Whereas, the seventh inning brought the moment of truth for the Eagles. Leading 8‑3 with three outs remaining between them and the state championship trophy, the Eagles still had to claw their way to the title. The Mustangs scored four times, including on a two‑run double, to make it 8‑7. With runners on first and third and Eastside needing one out to claim its spot in history, Coach Erwin brought Brody Fowler in to pitch; and

Whereas, what happened next was something that will be remembered in Eastside baseball lore for a long time. Zac Silas hit a sharp ground ball to second base, and David Mershon was up to the challenge. He fielded the ball cleanly and flipped it to his older brother senior Joseph Mershon for the final out. The celebration began, and Coach Erwin, who has spent twenty years with the Eagles, saw his dream come true; and

Whereas, proud of these fine student athletes, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the recognition the Eastside 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 Eastside High School baseball team of Greenville County for an impressive season and celebrate the Eagles’ capture of the 2019 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Tina Bishop and Coach Scott Erwin of Eastside High School.

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