**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND TO CONGRATULATE COACH DAN JONES FOR BEING NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the Gaffney High School football team for winning the South Carolina Class AAAAA Football State Championship on December 4, 2021, at Charlie W. Johnson Stadium at Benedict College; and

Whereas, in the championship game, the Gaffney High Indians defeated the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes by a score of 22-19, ending Dutch Fork’s sixty-two game winning streak; and

Whereas, this historic win marks the program’s eighteenth state championship in school history. It is the program’s first championship since the 2012 season, which also came against Dutch Fork High School; and

Whereas, the championship game displayed the perseverance of the Gaffney High School Football team, as, even though they were down by a score of 19-7 in the fourth quarter, they continued to fight for the win. With a late turnover and a touchdown heard across South Carolina, the Indians pulled off an upset that will be remembered for years to come; and

Whereas, with an exceptional season overall, the team had a perfect undefeated season going into the championship game; and

Whereas, the Gaffney High School Football team has flourished under the leadership and guidance of Coach Dan Jones. The members of the South Carolina Senate congratulate Coach Jones for being named Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Gaffney High School Football team has brought to its school and community and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by the team and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Gaffney High School Football team, coaches, and school officials on an outstanding season, honor them for winning the South Carolina Class AAAAA Football State Championship, and congratulate Coach Dan Jones for being named Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Gaffney High School Football team, Coach Dan Jones, and Principal Erik Gerstenacker.

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