**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2020 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS RECORD‑BREAKING, UNDEFEATED SEASON.

Whereas, on Friday, December 4, 2020, the “drive for five” was complete as the Dutch Fork High School football team knocked off T.L. Hanna 28‑6 to claim the Class 5A State Championship. For the first time in South Carolina High School League history, a team had won five straight state championships; and

Whereas, the scene of this well‑earned triumph was Columbia’s Benedict College Charlie W. Johnson Stadium, used by the Silver Foxes to demonstrate clearly why they are nationally ranked in MaxPreps and the USA Today Super 25. With its newly minted title win, Dutch Fork finished the season 9‑0 and racked up 50 straight games without a loss: 49 in‑state wins in a row and 24 playoff wins in a row; and

Whereas, Dutch Fork took control of the game early, scoring on its first four possessions to take a 28‑6 halftime lead. Clemson commit Will Taylor and running back Jarvis Green each ran for two scores in the first half as Dutch Fork gained 327 of its 372 yards in the first two quarters; and

Whereas, the second half was played under sloppy conditions with a driving rain coming down. Taylor finished 6‑of‑9 passing for 147 yards and ran 14 times for 82 yards. Green, who moved over from receiver to running back in the off‑season, rushed for a season‑high 137 yards. It was his second 100‑yard game of the season. He also caught two passes for 47 yards; and

Whereas, Dutch Fork’s defense held the Yellow Jackets’ Wing‑T run‑oriented offense to just 212 yards, more than 200 yards less than their season average. T.L. Hanna scored on its first possession and didn’t get it into the red zone the rest of the game. Hanna also didn’t complete a pass; and

Whereas, further, the championship is the sixth for the school, all six of them coming since Coach Tom Knotts arrived in 2010. Coach Knotts has won thirteen state championships, six in South Carolina and seven in North Carolina. He holds the record for most consecutive state championships in both states; and

Whereas, the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes 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 adding their collective voice to the glowing praise flowing in to 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 2020 Class AAAAA State Championship title and salute them on a fabulous record‑breaking, undefeated season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Gerald Gary, principal, and Coach Tom Knotts of Dutch Fork High School.

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