**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WILLIAMSBURG ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of the Williamsburg Academy varsity baseball team clinched the top honors by sweeping Lee Academy in the 2021 South Carolina Independent School Association 2A Baseball State Championship Series; and

Whereas, Williamsburg Academy fans were treated to back‑to‑back tight victories as the Stallions overcame the Lee Academy Cavaliers 15‑14 in Game 1 and 4‑2 in Game 2, securing the state championship title for the first time since 1994; and

Whereas, the first game of the series, held Monday, May 10, 2021, at Williamsburg Academy field in Kingstree was a nail biter as both the Stallions and the Cavaliers lit up the scoreboard in a high‑scoring contest. The night was decided when the offensive firepower of the Stallions overcame the Cavaliers’ equally impressive effort with a final score of 15‑14; and

Whereas, held at the Lee Academy field in Bishopville, the Stallions were in the heart of the opposing team’s fan base as they went into Game 2 on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. With a narrow advantage from having captured the ultimate prize of the state championship based upon their work the night before, the Stallions cleaned up their defense and reaffirmed their mental and physical toughness as they went to work securing victory. Williamsburg was led by the steel resolve of Joe Kellahan, who earned seven strikeouts and only gave up three hits and two walks over six and a third innings of work as the winning pitcher, who also went two‑for‑three at the plate. Offensively assisted by Stone Robert Coward, who also went two‑for‑three, the Stallions finally broke the game open in the fifth inning by scoring three runs and setting the stage for victory as they ultimately took the game 4‑2; and

Whereas, exhibiting a strong foundation of fundamentals, the Stallions showed their strength through adversity as they pursued the championship title this year. Led by the coaching staff of Tyler Boyd, Shuler Ward, Michael Newell, and Zach Graham, the Williamsburg Academy athletes were able to exhibit everything they had learned and trained for over the last few months. Self‑disciplined with positive attitudes and a healthy enjoyment of the athletic competition, the members of the baseball team this year earned this victory through a culmination of their season‑long efforts; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Williamsburg Academy Stallions have earned for their school and their community and look forward to hearing of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 Williamsburg Academy baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the South Carolina Independent School Association 2A State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Glenn Matthews and the Williamsburg Academy coaching staff.

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