**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2021 REGION IV CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE HEAD COACH MARLIN TAYLOR ON BEING NAMED THE REGION IV‑AAA COACH OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the air on your face and the ground under your feet feel different when you best your competitors. The Lower Richland Diamond Hornets found that out on Friday, October 8, 2021, when they “swarmed as one” to clinch the Region IV Class AAA Football Championship, shutting out Mid‑Carolina 35‑0; and

Whereas, Head Coach Marlin Taylor, who watched with great pride as his players claim region dominance, himself earned a new title: Region IV‑AAA Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the scene of this well‑earned triumph was Prosperity’s Mid‑Carolina football field, used by the Diamond Hornets to demonstrate clearly why Lower Richland rose to the head of its region competitors; and

Whereas, Robert Adams rushed for two touchdowns and passed for one, and Jeremy Barney rushed for two touchdowns to lead the Diamond Hornets; and

Whereas, in the region clinching victory, seven Lower Richland players earned places on the All‑Region team: Robert Adams, Nate Branch, Lee Davis, Jaden Hardy, Ronnie Lee, Timyrius Lippett, and Salytheo Washington; and

Whereas, in addition, Demontii Garrett was named Region IV‑AAA Defensive Player of the Year; and

Whereas, by season’s end, Coach Marlin Taylor and his fine staff, and the entire team saw all their hard work and determination pay off; and

Whereas, the members of the Lower Richland football team have given their school and community reason to be proud of their accomplishments, and the House takes great pleasure in adding its collective voice to the encomiums flowing in to this outstanding group of young athletes and amazing coaches. Go, Diamond Hornets! 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 Lower Richland High School football team and coaches on their impressive win of the 2021 Region IV Class AAA Championship title and to congratulate Head Coach Marlin Taylor on being named the Region IV‑AAA Coach of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ericka Hursey, principal, and Head Coach Marlin Taylor of Lower Richland High School.

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