**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THE WILD GATORS’ CAPTURE OF THE 2021 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on June 5, 2021, the Lake View High School baseball team claimed the 2021 Class A State Championship title with a 7‑6 victory in game two of the series, powering past Southside Christian School; and

Whereas, ending the year 18‑5 overall, the Lake View Wild Gators went undefeated in the playoffs leading up to Saturday’s game;

Whereas, in game two of the series, the Wild Gators were down 6‑3 and rallied to score the final four runs, setting off another night of celebration for this senior‑led team; and

Whereas, this is Lake View’s ninth title in school history, with the last coming in 2006; and

Whereas, Coach Kip Herlong asserted that when his team was down, “they just kept fighting back and they had no doubts. Since we got into the playoffs, that’s kind of what we’ve seen ‑ have laser focus and have no doubts. Believe in yourself and believe in your teammates”; and

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

Whereas, using his own considerable athletic training and skills, Coach Herlong, assisted by an able staff, built his players into championship caliber and encouraged them not to settle for second best; and

Whereas, proud of these fine student athletes, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the recognition the Lake View 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 Lake View High School Baseball team for an impressive season and celebrate the Wild Gators’ capture of the 2021 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Edison Arnette and Head Coach Kip Herlong of Lake View High School.

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