**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2021 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Lake View High School softball team of Dillon County won the state championship on Friday, June 4, 2021, their first since 2007; and

Whereas, fans of Lake View were treated to a thrilling spectacle as the Gators rallied behind Spivey Evans’ momentum‑shifting two‑run home run in the third to take the lead followed by a bases‑clearing triple by Baxleigh Arnette in the sixth inning to defeat Dixie High School 8‑2; and

Whereas, led in the circle all season by Raven Locklear, it was an all‑around defensive effort in game two of the championship series, holding the Hornets to two runs, and setting the stage for the explosive sixth inning offensive effort; and

Whereas, a young team, without any seniors on the roster, Lake View played well beyond their years throughout the season to finish with a 25‑5 record and winning their region, district, lower state championship, and state championship title; and

Whereas, led by Head Coach Brandy Huggins and assisted by Coach James Huggins and Coach Angie King, the Gators proved that the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices they made to perform at their very best, both as individuals and as a team, were well worth it in the end. A coach can ask for nothing more than the individual effort and support these young athletes gave to each other, from the beginning of the season all the way to the end, in order to achieve the pinnacle of a state championship; and

Whereas, the consistency and excitement that these athletes demonstrated all season long leads fans and spectators to anticipate their potential future successes; and

Whereas, having no seniors, the Gators are poised to return their full roster of Spivey Evans, Baylee Miller, Becca Cox, Zandasia McNeil, Cornelia Mace, Raven Locklear, Emma King, Baxleigh Arnette, Eva Newell, Hollie Scott, Kaleigh Blackmon, and Haley Miller to once again represent Lake View High School on the diamond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Lake View High School Gators have earned for their school and their community and look forward to hearing of their 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 Lake View High School varsity softball team, coaches, and school officials for an impressive season and to congratulate them on winning the 2021 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Edison Arnette and Head Coach Brandy Huggins.

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