**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26 AND ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26 CONTAINING THE WORDS “SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY BULLDOGS 2021 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS”.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the South Carolina State (SC State) University football team of Orangeburg County captured the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) national title at the Celebration Bowl held in Atlanta on Saturday, December 17, 2021, and finished number one in the Boxtorow Coaches Poll; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their exuberant fans, the SC State Bulldogs defeated a fine, competitive Jackson State team 31‑10; and

Whereas, SC State went undefeated in conference play on its way to the MEAC championship. The last time SC State won an HBCU national football championship was 2009, claiming two of the twelve titles in the history of the championship; and

Whereas, in its twelfth year, the coaches’ poll is voted on by the HBCU Football Championship Subdivision coaches; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, expertise, and tenacity, Head Coach Buddy Pough at SC State for two decades, along with his skilled coaching staff, maximized his athletic ability and training to forge a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the General Assembly values the pride and recognition that the SC State football players have brought to their university and to our great State, and the members look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to erect appropriate markers along United States Highways 301 and 601 that proclaim this great athletic achievement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation erect appropriate markers or signs in Orangeburg County along United States Highway 301 at its intersection with Interstate Highway 26 and along United States Highway 601 at its intersection with Interstate Highway 26 containing the words “South Carolina State University Bulldogs 2021 Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Football Champions”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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