**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2011 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Abbeville High School varsity football team garnered top honors at the state competition held at Charles W. Johnson Stadium on the campus of Benedict College on November 25, 2011; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the dismay of their foes, the Abbeville Panthers took a decisive victory against the Hemingway High School Tigers in a final score of 20‑0 to win their second consecutive state football championship; and

Whereas, both teams entered the final game for the state title with strong records, but the Panthers limited the Tigers to 28 plays while Abbeville managed to complete 66 plays; and

Whereas, in the school’s sixth state championship since 1971, the Abbeville defense was miserly with the Tiger scoreboard, while the offense, generous with themselves, rushed, drove, and passed their way to retain the title from the Panthers’ 2010 victory; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, skill, and determination, Head Coach Jamie Nickles and his skilled coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the gridiron; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Abbeville High School varsity football players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Abbeville High School varsity football team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2011 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Steve Garrett and Coach Jamie Nickles.

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