**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE SENECA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2021 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Seneca High School softball team captured the Class AAA state crown on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Chapin; and

Whereas, bouncing back from a 3-2 championship series opener loss at Dillon, the Bobcats won Game 2 in front of a home crowd with big hits by Salilah Ragwar-Hayes and Ashlyn Brown to come from behind, and after withstanding a fierce seventh-inning Dillon rally, to earn a narrow 6-5 victory as well as the opportunity to play for the state title in Game 3; and

Whereas, cheered on by jubilant Seneca fans at the all-important deciding game held in a neutral site at Chapin High School, the Bobcats clinched top honors for the fourth time in program history at the state title game, defeating Dillon 3‑1; and

Whereas, after escaping a bases‑loaded jam with a strikeout to end the top of the first, pitcher Ashlyn Brown delivered in the clutch with a complete‑game effort, while Lexie Ransom and Salihah Ragwar‑Hayes combined to drive in three runs in the bottom of the fourth to power Seneca to a satisfying victory, sealing its first state championship since 2006; and

Whereas, Coach Rick Pate drew on his own considerable talents and skills to mold his athletes into champions. It was Coach Pate’s first state title; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young women well, both on and off the diamond. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Seneca High School softball team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Seneca High School softball team for a superb season and congratulate them on winning the 2021 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Felicia LeRoy and Coach Rick Pate of Seneca High School.

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