**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE FORT MILL ALL‑STAR BASEBALL TEAM FOR ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2021 CLASS AA DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND THEIR COACH ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

Whereas, baseball is a game of speed, power, precision, and agility, but to excel in baseball, a team must combine these talents with teamwork and good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, the members of the Fort Mill All‑Star baseball team, playing as the South Carolina All‑Stars in Laurel, Mississippi, captured the 2021 Class AA Dixie Youth World Series Championship title by convincingly uniting all these attributes into one unstoppable team and defeating Virginia 4‑0 in the title game on Tuesday, August 10, 2021; and

Whereas, comprised of seven‑ and eight‑year‑olds and backed by a history of fine baseball, the Fort Mill squad advanced through three tournaments, including the state contest in Orangeburg, to win the World Series‑‑a sweet sensation they plan to repeat; and

Whereas, the crown‑winning, record‑setting All‑Stars, led by Coach Ryan Smith and made up of players from the town recreation league, finished the eleven‑state tournament with an undefeated 17‑0 season record, having nailed district, state, and the World Series titles without a loss; and

Whereas, further, during the series, the South Carolina team earned a 7‑0 World Series record while outscoring opponents by a whopping 72‑20; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives pauses to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of these fine athletes and their coach and to congratulate them on their success. 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 Fort Mill All‑Star baseball team for its impressive win of the 2021 Class AA Dixie Youth World Series Championship title and honor the players and their coach on an outstanding season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Ryan Smith of the Fort Mill All‑Star baseball team.

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