**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE DORCHESTER ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON THEIR SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR WIN OF THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, on Thursday, May 18, 2017, the Dorchester Academy baseball team ended a fourteen‑year drought, beating rival Holly Hill Academy 7‑4 to capture the SCISA Class 1A state title; and

Whereas, contending on the playing field of Woodland High School before a large, enthusiastic crowd, the Raiders got hot at the right time and capped a 19‑5 season with a Game 3 win after the two teams split the first two games of the best‑of‑three series; and

Whereas, with the biggest prize in high school baseball in their classification on the line, the Raiders focused all their knowledge, skill, and determination, took to heart their coaches’ exhortations, and came through like the champions they are; and

Whereas, Head Coach Chris Mizzell used his fine athletic expertise and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes valuable life lessons that will prove useful both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are proud to lift their collective voice of praise in honoring the dynamic Dorchester Academy baseball team. Go, Raiders! 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 Dorchester Academy baseball team, coaches, and school officials on their spectacular season and celebrate their win of the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class 1A State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Roger Duffel and Head Coach Chris Mizzell of Dorchester Academy.

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