**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2009 CLASS AAAA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE COACH MARK GILES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND FOR MOLDING CHAMPIONSHIP GOLFERS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes captured their second consecutive state championship title on May 12, 2009, their fourth time taking top honors in eight years; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strategy, skill, and precision, the Dutch Fork team polished off a two‑stroke victory over the Dorman High School Cavaliers in the Class AAAA State Golf Tournament at the Furman University Golf Course; and

Whereas, Silver Fox Mark Joye was the individual champion of the tournament with rounds of 73‑70‑71 and plans to play college golf in the fall for Wofford, and teammate Colin Witiak tied for eighth place hitting 225; both were named to the all‑state team; and completing the roster of this championship team are Chuck Moore, David Jeffcoat, Carson Joye, Dean Pratt, Tyler Smith, Tanner Mirt, Alex Ames, Austin Brown, Will Mason, and Lee Duncan, Jr., and

Whereas, although Coach Mark Giles spent his college career playing sports and has spent all of his life around athletic competitions, he was never more nervous than the last day of his coaching career even though his players won handily; and

Whereas, using his own athletic ability and leadership skills, Coach Giles forged a championship team through tireless hours on the fairway and the green, teaching lessons that these young golfers will remember for a lifetime; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to commend the Dutch Fork High School Silver Foxes for a successful season and for their state championship victory and expects to hear of their future accomplishments, and the members express their appreciation to Coach Mark Giles and wish him many years of happiness in his much‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Dutch Fork High School golf team for winning the 2009 Class AAAA State Golf Tournament, and congratulate Coach Mark Giles upon the occasion of his retirement and for molding championship golfers.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Principal Gregg L. Morton and Coach Mark Giles.

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