**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2009 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND TO HONOR THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACH, AND STAFF.

Whereas, well prepared for the challenge, the First Baptist School baseball team defeated Calhoun Academy 4‑3 on May 12, 2009, to capture the 2009 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AA State Championship title; and

Whereas, having taken over the First Baptist baseball program four years ago with eight freshmen, Coach D.J. Rhodes, with dedication and persistence, built his program into championship caliber and plans to keep it that way; and

Whereas, Coach Rhodes’ eight “starter” freshmen, now seniors, in a clear demonstration that their four years of hard work were to some purpose, helped the Hurricanes to their first state title win, as jubilant First Baptist fans looked on with pride; and

Whereas, this crowning victory caps a superb 25‑7 season for First Baptist, proving the team has become a powerhouse to be reckoned with; and

Whereas, adding luster to an already stellar season, senior pitcher Ryan Walker was tapped for the SCISA All‑State team; and

Whereas, the Hurricanes have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the House is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a wonderful and talented group of young men. 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 commend the First Baptist School baseball team for its outstanding season and for capturing the 2009 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AA State Championship, and honor the team’s exceptional players, coach, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Thomas E. Mullins and Coach D.J. Rhodes of First Baptist School.

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