**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE DILLON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS SUPERLATIVE SEASON AND IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2009 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, reigning state football champ Dillon High School refused to give up its crown, making it two state titles in a row as the Wildcats handed Central a second title‑game defeat and grabbed the 2009 Class AA State Championship on December 5, 2009; and

Whereas, Williams‑Brice Stadium in Columbia echoed with the shouts of exuberant Wildcat fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized. The Wildcats used big plays on both sides of the ball and came up huge on defense for a 21‑20 title win; and

Whereas, such victories do not just come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Head Coach Jackie Hayes and his assistants have built their football program into a championship team that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, making the victory even sweeter, Antuawn Blue was named *High School Sports Report*’*s* Class AA Player of the Year, as well as All‑State, while other Dillon All‑State picks included Tyquan Hayes, Desmond Hayes, Kendale Carmichael, T.J. Grimsley, Damien Simpson, and Hassan Williamson. In addition, Coach Hayes, who is also a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 55, once again was named 2009 HSSR Class AA Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the Wildcats have brought great pride and recognition to their school and community, and the members of the House of Representatives are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a wonderful group of young athletes and their fine coaches. 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 congratulate the Dillon High School football team on its superlative season and impressive win of the 2009 Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Lynda Cottingham and Coach Jackie Hayes of Dillon High School.

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