**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Sumter High School baseball team nabbed the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title on Friday, May 20, 2011; and

Whereas, while Sumter fans cheered with elation, Jordan Montgomery pitched a shutout for the second time that week as Sumter defeated Byrnes 2‑0 in the title game at the Gilbert High School ball field; and

Whereas, the win gives the Gamecocks their first state championship in baseball since 2006 and their second baseball title win in school history; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires strength, strategy, and speed, Coach Brooks Shumake and his assistant coaches, Joe Norris and Randy Twitty, used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team, in the process instilling a standard of excellence in these athletes that will serve them well throughout their lives, both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition these fine athletes have brought to their school and community, and the members look with interest to their continued accomplishments in the future. 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 Sumter High School baseball team on its outstanding season, and congratulate the team members and coaches for capturing the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal William Rutledge Dingle and Coach Brooks Shumake.

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