**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2011 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the James F. Byrnes High School football team nailed the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating Gaffney 31‑24 on December 3, 2011, wrapping up the Rebels’ second consecutive title win; and

Whereas, Clemson University’s stadium echoed with the cheers of exuberant Byrnes fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to an outstanding season. By the end of the title game, Rebel admirers were already looking with anticipation to a “three‑peat” next year; and

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

Whereas, making a scintillating season even brighter, Byrnes defensive lineman Rashad Dillard was named *Herald‑Journal* Defensive Player of the Year; and

Whereas, the Rebels 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. 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 James F. Byrnes High School football team on its impressive win of the 2011 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jeff Rogers and Head Coach Chris Miller of James F. Byrnes High School.

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