**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2011 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the South Pointe High School football team nailed the 2011 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating Bluffton High School 42‑27 on December 3, 2011; and

Whereas, the stadium echoed with the shouts of exuberant South Pointe fans, pleased to see their confident predictions of victory realized as a satisfying end to a 14‑1 season; and

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

Whereas, making a scintillating season even brighter, the Stallions, also named *Charlotte Observer* “Sweet 16” champions, produced a Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All‑Star player, Tay Hicklin; the *Herald* All‑Area Offensive Player of the Year, Devin Pearson; and the *Herald* All‑Area AAA Defensive Player of the Year, Corey Neely. In addition, the *Herald* proclaimed “South Pointe is Team of the Year”; and

Whereas, Coach Herron was named South Carolina Coaches Association Palmetto Champions All‑Star Coach for Class AAA Upper State, the *Charlotte Observer* All‑Area Coach of the Year, and the *Herald* All‑Area Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the Stallions 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 South Pointe High School football team on its impressive win of the 2011 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Al Leonard and Coach Strait Herron of South Pointe High School.

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