**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Andrew Jackson High School baseball team of Lancaster County took home the state trophy from the championship series which concluded on Saturday, May 28, 2022; and

Whereas, to the exuberant cheers of their faithful fans, the Andrew Jackson Volunteers offered deep satisfaction to those fans by defeating a competitive Gray Collegiate Academy 9‑0 in game three in the best‑of‑three series, ending the season with a 32-2 record and claiming the first state title in the program’s history; and

Whereas, after losing the 2021 state championship in the third game, the returning players and coaches were determined to get back for another chance at a state title, including optional offseason training, during which so many players participated that it proved an auspicious augury for the 2022 title; and

Whereas, although ranked number 1 in the preseason, season‑ending casualties for a couple of players in preseason scrimmages did not bode well, and the Volunteers’ ranking only made them the team to beat; and

Whereas, Volunteer players stepped up, and Andrew Jackson won the pre‑spring Comporium Invitational Preseason Baseball Tournament, and during spring break in April, the team continued playing while many of their classmates headed to the beach; and

Whereas, the Volunteers took on the host school, a local charter school from Georgia, in Hartsville at the Southeastern Baseball Classic and won the tournament by defeating DeMatha High School from Maryland in the championship game; and

Whereas, Andrew Jackson completed a 12‑0 region schedule, and won the Region 4‑AA championship, and started the Class AA Lower State playoffs by winning the District 8 title before claiming the Lower State Championship; and

Whereas, in a sport that exacts skill, strategy, and speed, Head Coach Mike Lucas and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the diamond; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the pride and recognition that the Andrew Jackson baseball players have brought to their school and their community, and the members look forward to following their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Andrew Jackson High School varsity baseball team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and for winning the 2022 South Carolina Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Shuntay Miller and Coach Mike Lucas.

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