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**Subject:** Thursday, February 14th at 11:30 AM - Photo-op: 2012 Dixie Youth Softball-12U World Series Champions

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Jeff and Zach, please see the information below. This has been scheduled to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor right outside the office. I know there was discussion of asking Sam Holland to take pictures, if not – please decide on which one of you can take one.

KV- Mason Thomas, 360-3155 called me today from Sen. O'Dell's office and I invited the senator to come down to the photo-op.

Courtney is going to handle staffing the Governor for the event. Please let me know who will assist with taking the picture, but we'd like to keep it limited on staff for a small group.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Leigh

**EVENT:** Photo-op: 2012 Dixie Youth Softball-12U World Series Champions

**DATE:** Thursday, February 14, 2013

**TIME:** 11:30 AM

**LOCATION:**

Statehouse, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**CONTACT:** Angie Garren 864-617-1083

**DRESS:** Business

**STAFF:** Courtney Walls.

**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will take photo and speak to the 2012 Dixie Youth Softball – 12U World Series Champions.

**MEDIA PLAN:** Facebook – Next week's Public Schedule of past events.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**REQUESTED BY:** Angie Garren a mother of one of the girls.

**SPEAKING TIME:** 2-3 mins.

**INTRODUCED BY:** N/A.

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

Gov. Haley will walk out and welcome the 2012 Dixie Youth Softball-12U World Series Champions team to the Statehouse. She will take a photo with them. The team is from Starr, South Carolina in Anderson County. Sen. O'Dell will join the Governor for the visit. Sen. O'Dell did a resolution for the team.

**ATTENDEES:**

Dixie Youth Softball – 12U

2012 District 7 Champs

2012 S.C. State Champs

2012 World Series Champs - (teams in tourney Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas)

- # 1 Ryleigh Davis
- # 12 Kayla Pepper
- # 6 Chandler Payton
- # 4 Marley McBride
- # 8 Kalysta Addison
- # 9 Kinsley Norris
- # 3 Faith Therrell
- # 24 Ayana Loudon
- # 26 Brooke Richey
- # 38 Ellison Garren
- # 22 Julia Martin
- # 20 Autumn Shaw

Coaches:

Nakia Davis

Kelsey Davis

Danny Davis

**BACKGROUND:**

**2012 Dixie Ponytails World Series : Little Starr-Iva, S.C. rolls to Traditional Division crown**

Starr-Iva player gets a big hug from her coach and father, Danny Davis, after winning the 2012 Dixie Ponytails Softball World Series Traditional Division Championship Wednesday at Byerly Park.

**2012 Dixie Ponytails World Series : Little Starr-Iva, S.C. rolls to Traditional Division crown Robert Sloan Morning News**

Consider it a big win for all the little towns.

Coming from towns with a combined population of less than 1,500 people, the South Carolina state champions from Starr-Iva completed a dominating run through the Traditional Division of the 2012 Dixie Ponytails World Series Wednesday with an 11-1 rout of Columbia County, Ga. At Byerly Park.

"These girls have put an awful lot of hard work into this," said Coach Danny Davis after being doused with a cooler of ice water. "We finished runner up in the state last year and the girls were determined to get here and make a good showing. I guarantee you they worked as hard or harder than any team out here."

Starr-Iva was never challenged in the five-day tournament, winning four games by a combined score of 40-2.

Against Georgia in Wednesday's championship game, Starr-Iva broke open a 4-1 game with a seven-run third inning. It was their second win of the tournament over Georgia. The first was a 12-2 victory in a second round game on Sunday.

Asked if he expected his team to dominate opponents the way it did, Davis said no.

"I new we had a talented team, but you never expect something like this," Davis said. "These are some very talented teams we played out here and I tip my hat to them. But that says something about just how good a team we have, doesn't it? I honestly couldn't be prouder of these girls and the effort they put forth."

The team from Dyersburg, Tn. was awarded the James E. "Obie" Evans Sportsmanship Award.

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