**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING THE 2012 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Hillcrest High School varsity wrestling team of Greenville County put a hold on the top honors at the state competition on Saturday, February 11, 2012; and

Whereas, with the graduation of seven all‑state grapplers from the 2011 season, the Hillcrest Rams entered the final meet ranked third with an impressive 21‑2 season; and

Whereas, the Rams led the state meet against the number‑one ranked Lexington Wildcats with a score of 26‑23 going into the final match, which ended in a 26‑26 tie; and

Whereas, to the chagrin of the Wildcats, the Rams broke the tie in the sixth tie‑breaker to produce the champion in the dual competition with a score of 27‑26; and

Whereas, for the second consecutive year, the Rams have defeated Lexington High School on the mats in the final meet of the state competition; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands individual discipline as well as mental and physical strength, Head Coach Tommy Bell and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable to them through life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the excellent reputation the Hillcrest High School wrestlers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Hillcrest High School varsity wrestling team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for garnering the 2012 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Steve Chamness and Coach Tommy Bell.

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