**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Heathwood Hall lacrosse team of Richland County took top honors at the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) state competition against Hammond Academy; and

Whereas, in an unforgettable, nail‑biting, sudden‑death overtime period in the state championship game, the Heathwood Hall Highlanders wrested the championship trophy from the talons of the Hammond Skyhawks; and

Whereas, both teams squared off in aggressive play, and at halftime Hammond held the lead 8‑6; and

Whereas, the Highlanders opened the second half with back to back goals, three minutes apart, tying the score 8‑8, after a twenty‑minute dry spell, the Skyhawks regained the lead, 9‑8; and

Whereas, with less than a minute remaining Highlander Weston Hardee drove the crease, and forced the game into overtime; and twenty‑five seconds into the extended period, he found the back of the net for the game‑winning goal, his sixth score of the game; and

Whereas, with the 2013 victory, Heathwood garnered its first‑ever SCISA lacrosse state championship, finishing the season 5‑0 in SCISA and 9‑3 overall; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands quickness and agility, strategy and strength, Head Coach Patrick Fitzgerald and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to hone a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Heathwood Hall lacrosse players have brought to their school and the community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments. 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 honor the Heathwood Hall Episcopal School varsity lacrosse team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for capturing the 2013 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Michael Heath and Coach Patrick Fitzgerald.

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