**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BEAUFORT ACADEMY GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS AA/A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Beaufort Academy soccer team took top honors at the state competition on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Patriots Point Athletic Complex in Mount Pleasant; and

Whereas, using their predatory talons, the Beaufort Academy Eagles soared after defeating the Oakbrook Preparatory School Knights 6‑1 and flew away with the 2013 state title to the delight of their fans; and

Whereas, after winning the title in 2010, the Eagles suffered back‑to‑back losses the following two years in the state finals, losing a 3‑2 championship match to the Knights last season, so taking the 2013 title in a 6‑1 victory has vindicated their resurgence as champions and elated the team’s five seniors; and

Whereas, Mary Keane, one of the Eagles’ four eighth‑grade players, scored the first of her four goals, giving Beaufort a 1‑0 lead twenty minutes into the first half, and ten minutes later she found the back of the net again after teammate Miranda Weslake’s shot was deflected by the Oakbrook keeper; and

Whereas, Eagles Mary Alice Strohmeyer and standout midfielder Miranda Weslake posted the other two goals for Beaufort Academy, and goalie Charlotte Delfosse made an amazing dive to stop the Knights from going to 3‑2 and prevented any further Oakwood challenge; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, speed, and agility, Beaufort Academy developed a solid and focused team that plays well together, each member contributing selflessly to the team’s 16‑2 season; and

Whereas, using his own athletic ability and training, Head Coach David Byrne has taken the Eagles to ten championship game appearances in his thirteen seasons as head coach, and along with his skilled coaching staff, he has forged a championship team and taught 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 Beaufort Academy soccer players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements. 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 Beaufort Academy girls varsity soccer team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the South Carolina Independent School Athletic Association Class AA/A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Head of School Julie Stewart Corner and Coach David Byrne.

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