**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MAULDIN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND COACH DELMER HOWELL FOR CAPTURING THE 2013 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the Mauldin High School boys cross country team experienced a banner year, much to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their rivals; and

Whereas, in ultimate testimony to their 2013 achievements, on Saturday, November 9, at Sandhill Research & Education Center in Columbia, Coach Delmer Howell and the Mauldin boys cross country team added to a long history of success at the state meet, once again earning the Class AAAA state title and doing it with style; and

Whereas, Mauldin’s inspiring title run was led by Ryan Smith (11th, 16:12) and Zach Girvin (14th, 16:16), both of whom made the All‑State team. The Mavericks finished with 99 points, just ahead of Wade Hampton (104) and Wando (109); and

Whereas, after the 2013 crown was secure, exultant Mauldin fans began making plans to return next year to see the Mavs repeat the victory; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands endurance, speed, and mental focus, Coach Howell forged a championship team through successfully imparting his own athletic skills and time‑tested lessons from his thirty‑one years of coaching at Mauldin; and

Whereas, for the sixth time, the Mauldin High School boys cross country team has succeeded in bringing home a state title and in so doing has brought great pride to its school and community. 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 commend the Mauldin High School boys cross country team for a successful season and congratulate the team and Coach Delmer Howell for capturing the 2013 Class AAAA State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Scott Rhymer and Coach Delmer Howell of Mauldin High School.

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