**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE HAMMOND SCHOOL HUNT SEAT EQUESTRIAN TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, once again, the Hammond School hunt seat equestrian team has reached the summit and claimed the 2014 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title making the Skyhawks back-to-back state champions; and

Whereas, when the team accepted the title trophy, exultant Hammond fans were already making plans to see these talented equestrians accomplish a “threepeat” win next year; and

Whereas, hunt seat, a style of forward seat riding based on the tradition of fox hunting and commonly found in North American horse shows, is one of two classic forms of English riding; and

Whereas, with a deft hand, Coach Taylor Meyers groomed the Hammond hunt seat riders into a championship team that could not be halted; and

Whereas, the considerable skill and confidence required to be judged on an unfamiliar horse, whether under-saddle or over fences, makes success at any level an amazing feat; and

Whereas, judging is subjectively based on the ability and form of the rider and the elegance, cadence, and style of the horse that demonstrates that the hunter is easy to ride and attentive and responsive to its rider; and

Whereas, proud of what these fine athletes have accomplished, the House of Representatives is pleased to add its collective praise to the many accolades given to Hammond’s hunt seat equestrians on this, their latest achievement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Hammond School hunt seat equestrian team, coach, and school officials for a superb season and honor them for capturing the 2014 South Carolina Independent School Association State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Headmaster Chris Angel and Coach Taylor Meyers.

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