**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A PERFECT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that the members of the Spartanburg High School boys varsity tennis team of Spartanburg County decisively captured the top honors at the state competition held at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center on Saturday, May 17, 2014; and

Whereas, with an incredibly young starting lineup consisting of a sophomore, four freshmen, an eighth grader, and a seventh grader, the Spartanburg Vikings raided every set and wrestled the trophy from the defending South Aiken High School champions in a stunning 6‑0 victory; and

Whereas, although the Vikings ceded no sets to South Aiken’s Thoroughbreds, they allowed their opponents an occasional point. Spartanburg’s top‑ranked player, Spencer Brown, earned a dominant 6‑2, 6‑1 victory over his South Aiken opponent; and

Whereas, the youthful Vikings honored their Norse namesakes by finishing the season with an unbeaten record of 21‑0 and earning the first boys tennis state title in their school’s history; and

Whereas, after defeating their crosstown rival, Dorman High School, the Wednesday before the state meet to win the upper state championship, they rode the South Aiken Thoroughbreds confidently to a strong finish; and

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Whereas, the young team members have set Spartanburg on a course to establish an unchallenged tennis dynasty over the next few years; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strength, speed, and agility, Head Coach Todd Seagle and Assistant Coach Clint Drake capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these talented athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the courts; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina appreciate the pride and recognition that the Spartanburg High School tennis players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued success in the days ahead. 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 Spartanburg High School boys varsity tennis team, coaches, and school officials for a perfect season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jeff Stevens and Coach Todd Seagle.

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