**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA 4‑H HORSE PROGRAM ON WINNING THE HIPPOLOGY TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO RECOGNIZE THE TEAM’S HARD WORK IN MAKING THIS AN OUTSTANDING YEAR.

Whereas, 4‑H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4‑H Youth Development Program uses a learn‑by‑doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society; and

Whereas, the national 4‑H Horse Program has more than 260,000 participants, making it the largest of 4‑H’s animal‑related programs; and

Whereas, six youth participants in the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program won team and individual awards at the Eastern National 4‑H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky, in November, a national 4‑H competition with 293 contestants in six contests; and

Whereas, South Carolina fielded six youth in two contests‑hippology and team presentation; and

Whereas, hippology, the study of equine science and management, and presentation is the most diverse of all contests, requiring youth to have knowledge of horse science, management, business, horsemanship and horse judging. There are four phases for this competition; and

Whereas, the hippology team included Kristy Waldrep of Charleston, Hailey Mundell of Chapin, Hannah Steele of Chester and Aubrey Miller of Troy. The team placed first overall and Waldrep was named reserve champion in the individual contest and Mundell placed 8th in the high individual category; and

Whereas, the presentation team, which finished fifth overall, included Ashley McCarter of York and Ashtyn Kinney of Greenwood. McCarter and Kinney were the first South Carolina participants invited to speak at the event’s awards breakfast; and

Whereas, this year’s team was under the advisement of Melissa Brundage, Kristine Vernon, Katie Shaw, Meredith Donaldson, and Leona Parr; and

Whereas, currently, there are approximately 85,000 horses in South Carolina and the economic impact of the horse industry is approximately $478 million. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program on winning the hippology team national championship and recognize the team’s hard work in making this an outstanding year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program.

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