**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Christ Church Episcopal School boys swim team of Greenville County made the top splash at the state competition held at the Carolina Natatorium in Columbia on Saturday, October 11, 2014; and

Whereas, a Class A school with fewer than ten swimmers on the swim crew, Christ Church thrilled fans as the Cavaliers took their first state swim title with a final tally of 365 points, more than thirty points ahead of the second place Academic Magnet High School from North Charleston, while competing among Class AAA schools; and

Whereas, although several Cavalier teams regale the trophy wall each year through state victories, the school had never garnered a state trophy in swimming; and

Whereas, Christ Church not only took first place among much larger schools, but the Cavaliers had an extraordinary season, exhibiting a true passion for their sport; and

Whereas, Bryan Barker won the 100‑yard butterfly for Christ Church and, along with teammates Walker Leftwich, Dylan Muse, and Rak Hovart, won the 200 medley relay, as well as the 400 freestyle relay with Rak Hovart, Jonathan Morse, and Jackson Kabas; and

Whereas, the victory for the Cavalier boys team was made all the sweeter when Cavalier Sydney Baker of Christ Church took first place in the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke for the girls team, and teammate Maddie Baker won the 200 individual medley; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands economy of speed and strength, Head Coach Park Owings and Assistant Coach Matt Jacobssen used their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both in and out of the lane; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Christ Church swimmers have brought to their school and their community and expect to hear of their future success. 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 Christ Church Episcopal School boys swim team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Upper School Director Pete Sanders and Coach Park Owings.

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