**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL SPEED AND STRENGTH TEAM OF SUMMERVILLE ON CAPTURING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on March 22, 2015, Pinewood Preparatory School captured the 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA Speed and Strength State Championship held at Orangeburg Prep, its fourth title in ten years; and

Whereas, representing Pinewood with the utmost class and sportsmanship, the Panthers focused with determination and persistence on getting the job done and proved themselves prime exemplars of their school’s athletic program; and

Whereas, each team participated in six events as part of the competition: bench press, power clean, pro shuttle, vertical leap, broad jump, and 40‑yard dash. In these challenging events, five Pinewood athletes won individual championships in their weight divisions: Steven Kennedy (141‑150), Braven Yagin (151‑160), Chandler Polk (171‑180), Nick Gilliard (191‑205), and Danny Higgins (206‑220); and

Whereas, in addition, Charlie Tant at 161‑170 and Andrew Latham at 221‑235 finished as the runners‑up for their classes. Other team members were Precious Paylor (130 and under), Mertay Simsek (131‑140), Alex Ruggiero (181‑190), and Harry Scott (235 plus), with Jack Dimuzio (171‑180) and Logan Montmarquette (235 plus) serving as alternates; and

Whereas, Coach Hayne Painter, knowing the quality of his athletes and what they could accomplish, worked them hard to prepare for the season. They came through like the champions they are, adding the 2015 SCISA title to the state crowns already taken home in 2005, 2010, and 2012; and

Whereas, the House, proud of these young athletes, is pleased to add its collective voice of commendation to the Pinewood Prep speed and strength team. 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 Pinewood Preparatory School speed and strength team of Summerville on capturing the 2015 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Head of School Steve Mandell and Coach Hayne Painter of Pinewood Preparatory School.

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