**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA 4‑H HORSE PROGRAM HORSE BOWL TEAM, ADVISORS, AND 4‑H OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program Horse Bowl team took top honors at the Eastern National 4‑H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky, in November 2015; and

Whereas, the Eastern National 4‑H Horse Roundup is a national 4‑H competition with participants from across the nation competing in six contests at the 2015 event. Horse Bowl tests each youth’s knowledge in horse breeds, anatomy, equipment, and equine management; and

Whereas, the contest participants for the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program Horse Bowl included Kristy Waldrep of Charleston, Hailey Mundell of Prosperity, Katherine Ellig of Columbia, Hannah Steele of Chester, and Aubrey Miller of Troy; and

Whereas, Kristy Waldrep was named the individual contest reserve champion, and Hailey Mundell placed fourth in the high individual category; and

Whereas, two other 4‑H participants, Hannah McKinney of Charleston and Ashtyn Kinney of Greenwood, comprised the state’s public speaking team, with Hannah winning eighth high individual in the Public Speaking Contest; and

Whereas, in this demanding field, Dr. Kristine Vernon and the skilled advisory staff capitalized on their personal Horse Bowl training to build a championship team and teach these participants lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina 4‑H Youth Development Program, part of the 4‑H community across America, uses the involvement of caring adults, a learn‑by‑doing approach, and knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land‑grant university system to teach leadership, life skills, and citizenship that can empower youth to become productive, contributing members of society; and

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

Whereas, South Carolina is currently home to eighty‑five thousand horses, and the beneficial economic impact of the horse industry in the State is approximately $478 million, including equine expenses, equine sales, and other equine income; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the public speaking and individual demonstration team members of the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Bowl have brought to our great State and look to hear of their continued accomplishments 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 South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program Horse Bowl team, advisors, and 4‑H officials for an outstanding performance and congratulate them for winning the 2015 National Championship title.

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

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