**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SUPERLATIVE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on May 14, 2016, the Cardinal Newman School girls soccer team proved its determination to get back on top when team members delivered a well‑earned SCISA state championship, their first since 2012; and

Whereas, in 2015, Cardinal Newman played its way to the title game but left without the title trophy. It was a different story in 2016. The Cards snaked a shot past opponent Ashley Hall’s goalie to break a scoreless tie seven minutes into the second half of the SCISA Class AAA championship match, held at Heathwood Hall. Cardinal Newman later added an insurance goal for the 2‑0 win, but ultimately the Cardinals simply wore their opponents down; and

Whereas, the shutout victory propelled the Cardinals to a 17‑7‑1 season finish and caused ecstatic fans to begin planning for a return visit in 2017 to see their team repeat the feat; and

Whereas, having drawn on his own considerable talents and skills in molding his team members into champions, Coach Will Plexico proudly watched his players hoist the title trophy; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young women well both on and off the soccer field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Cardinal Newman girls soccer team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Cardinal Newman School girls soccer team, coaches, and school officials for their superlative season and congratulate them on winning the 2016 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Jacqualine Kasprowski and Coach Will Plexico of Cardinal Newman School.

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