**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM ON ITS EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S FINE ATHLETES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2016 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the River Bluff High School boys soccer team captured the 2016 Class AAAA State Championship title, defeating Clover 5‑0 on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Irmo’s W.C. Hawkins Stadium; and

Whereas, the Gators were in attack mode from the beginning, scoring four of their five goals in the first half and the final goal in the game’s fifty‑fifth minute; and

Whereas, in a storybook ending, the victory clinched River Bluff’s first state soccer title and just the second team championship won by the school in its three‑year history; and

Whereas, the win rocketed the Gators to the end of a superb 24‑1 season; and

Whereas, such victories do not come overnight; they take determination and hard work. With proven consistency in both, Coach Phil Savitz has built his soccer program into one of championship caliber that refuses to settle for second best; and

Whereas, adding further to an already sweet victory, the win also gave Phil Savitz, the state’s all‑time winningest coach, his fifteenth state championship and seven hundredth victory, having won fourteen state titles and six hundred thirty‑four games at Irmo before leaving to lead the program at River Bluff; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young men well both on and off the soccer field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the River Bluff High School boys 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, salute the River Bluff High School boys soccer team on its excellent season and congratulate the team’s fine athletes on their impressive win of the 2016 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Luke Clamp, principal, and Coach Phil Savitz of River Bluff High School.

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