**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WEST‑OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the West‑Oak High School wrestling team of Oconee County took top honors in the state competition at Dreher High School in Columbia on Saturday, February 14, 2015; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their foes, the fourth‑ranked West‑Oak Warriors pinned and held second‑ranked Beaufort High School on their way to a 44‑21 victory to claim their third state title; and

Whereas, West‑Oak captured state trophies in 1994 and 2011 and entered the 2015 state match with a 28‑5 record; and

Whereas, Warrior Adam Rogers won an impressive pin in the middle of the match that kept West Oak in the lead, and teammate Anthony Sheehy’s pin of his opponent sealed the victory and the state trophy for the Warriors; and

Whereas, also posting wins at the state championship match for West‑Oak were Justin Smith, Ian James, Daniel Ibanez, Jonathan McIntyre, Jacob Richards, Tristan Penton, and Gavin James; and

Whereas, six Warriors were named All‑State wrestlers: Justin Smith at 106 pounds, Jonathan McIntyre at 145 pounds, Jacob Richards at 160, Anthony Sheehy at 170, Tristan Penton at 195, and Cameron Hamby at 220; and

Whereas, Jacob Richards and Anthony Sheehy were both honored as members of the North‑South wrestling team; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands mental fortitude, strength and strategy, and individual excellence, Head Coach Greg Brewer and his skilled coaching staff used their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mat; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the West‑Oak grapplers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the West‑Oak High School wrestling team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2015 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Kurt Kreuzberger and Coach Greg Brewer.

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