**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that members of the Powdersville High School cross country team of Greenville County took top honors at the state competition held at Sandhill Research Center in Columbia on Saturday, November 5, 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Powdersville power house cross country team defeated all other competitors to earn the school’s first athletic state championship in its five years of operation. They bested their nearest competitors, the Battling Bishops of Bishop England High School by thirty-three points by posting a score of 97; and

Whereas, the Powdersville Patriots managed to take the lead in a field of 142 runners when all seven of their runners finished before Bishop England’s fifth runner, and Patriot leader Brendan McManamon recorded a third‑place finish with a time of 16:57; and

Whereas, both sophomore Brendan McManamon and senior teammate Josh Moore, who finished in eighth place with 17:18, earned All‑State honors for finishing in the top fifteen. The Patriot’s Head Coach Libby Holliday also was honored as the South Carolina AAA Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, other Patriot runners who participated in the championship meet included seniors Cameron Matthews and Francisco Del Valle, and sophomores Jordan Parish, Noah Brock, and Kollin Campbell. Alternate runners were Jacob Moore, Mason Parish, and Connor Vaughn; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands endurance, strength, and speed, Coach Libby Holliday and her skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and enthusiasm to produce a championship-caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field of competition; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Powdersville cross country runners have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Powdersville High School boys varsity cross country team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Chris Ferguson and Coach Libby Holliday.

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