**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY VARSITY BOWLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Laurence Manning bowling team of Clarendon County took top honors at the state competition held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter on January 21, 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Laurence Manning Swampcats defeated their next closest rival, Wilson Hall Academy, 596‑492, a difference of more than a hundred points, and managed to set a state record of 606 in the championship match; and

Whereas, during the successful season, the Swampcats competed in nine matches, placing first in eight and second in one; and

Whereas, the Laurence Manning champion bowlers included Caleb Pipkin, Terry Caples, Seth Stamps, Matthew Miller, Mark Lupori, Dalton Kirby, Austin Kirby, and Matthew Burns; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands precision, finesse, and controlled power, Head Coach Jay Atkins and his dedicated assistants used their own experience and passion to build a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable in all the lanes of life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that the Laurence Manning bowlers 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Laurence Manning Academy varsity bowling team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Spencer A. Jordan, Headmaster; Athletic Director Ben Herod; and Coach Jay Atkins.

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