**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the West-Oak wrestling team for winning top honors at the state competition on February 11, 2017 at Dreher High School in Columbia. This championship title is the second in the last three years for the Warriors; and

Whereas, the Warriors defeated Battery Creek 34-24. The game allowed the Warriors a chance at redemption, as prior to the match, the Warriors ranked second and the Dolphins first, for Class 3A teams. West-Oak and Battery Creek had last met on January 21, with the Dolphins eking out a 37-33 win; and

Whereas, among the wrestlers who won their matches were Thomas Rowland, Jared Smith, Ben Martin, Damien White, Gavin James, Jordan Lee, Justin Smith, and Matt Williams. Jared Smith, Justin Smith, and Jordan Lee won by pin; and

Whereas, the team worked together and showed the will to win. After trailing 18-15 with five matches remaining, the wrestlers were able to persevere and pull through for the victory; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the West-Oak wrestlers have brought to their school and community and look with interest to hear of their future success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the West-Oak High School wrestling team, coaches, and school officials for a stellar season and honor them for winning the 2017 Class 3A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Greg Brewer of West-Oak High School.

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