**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SAILING TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR WIN OF THE 2017 LASERPERFORMANCE COLLEGE SAILING TEAM RACE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, on Sunday, May 28, 2017, the College of Charleston’s sailing team upset four‑time defending champion Yale en route to the Cougars’ second‑ever team race national title. While Cougar fans watched in enthusiastic anticipation, the Charleston sailors swept their way to the Walter C. Wood Trophy in the LaserPerformance College Sailing Team Race National Championship; and

Whereas, in the friendly confines of Charleston’s Cooper River, the Cougars topped Georgetown and Boston College before sinking Yale’s hopes of winning five titles in a row in the final race of the day; and

Whereas, Head Coach Ward Cromwell, pleased to rack up his second national championship with the College of Charleston sailors, enjoyed the further pleasure of knowing that his team had captured the acknowledged “hardest national championship to win in college sailing”; and

Whereas, his team cruised to a 21‑4 record, while Yale finished second at 19‑6. Georgetown and Boston College finished third and fourth, respectively, with 17‑8 records; and

Whereas, it was a year for the record books in College of Charleston sailing, as 2017 was the best year in the history of the program. In addition to the LaserPerformance national title, the team brought home its first COED National Championship, its sixth Women’s National Championship, its first and second Men’s Singlehanded National Championship, its third and fifth Women’s Singlehanded National Championship, and its second Match Race National Championship. Further, for the seventh time the team won the Fowle Trophy as Best All‑Around Sailing Team in the Country; and

Whereas, making these sweet victories even sweeter, the members of the College of Charleston sailing team also saw four All‑Americans, three Honorable All‑Americans, and two Academic All‑Americans tapped from their ranks; and

Whereas, proud of these fine young sailors, the South Carolina House of Representatives extends best wishes for success in all their future athletic endeavors. Go, Cougars! 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 College of Charleston sailing team and its coaches on a superb season and congratulate them on their win of the 2017 LaserPerformance College Sailing Team Race National Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Glenn McConnell and Head Coach Ward Cromwell of the College of Charleston.

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