**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE A. C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the A. C. Flora golf team of Richland County took top honors at the state competition held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017; and

Whereas, although A. C. Flora had garnered thirteen state titles as a Class AAA, it was not unlucky for these golfers who took the school’s fourteenth state trophy in golf in the first year of Class AAAA competition, the team’s eighth back‑to‑back win; and

Whereas, with a ten‑shot lead over runner-up Myrtle Beach, the A. C. Flora Falcons captured their eighth straight state title; and

Whereas, A. C. Flora began the day three shots behind Wren, but to the delight of their faithful fans, the Falcons defeated all comers by posting a 291 on Tuesday to claim the championship; and

Whereas, Falcon Ryan Marter shot a 68 in the final round, while teammates Jack Parrott and Ian Stewart each shot 73; and

Whereas, Jack Parrott at 141 tied for a second‑place score, and Ryan Marter at 142 was one stroke back; both earned all‑state honors by finishing in the top ten of the championship round; and

Whereas, Flora’s other team members include Wilhelm Elliott, Will Higgins. Fred Manning, Will McDow, Henry Moses, Zach Pereira, Rence O’Connor, Ford Reynolds, and Houston Strong; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strategy and skill, Head Coach Robert Dargan and his capable coaching staff capitalized on their own experience and passion to hone a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable for a lifetime; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate value the pride and recognition that the A. C. Flora golfers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their further accomplishments in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and honor the A. C. Flora High School golf team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and for winning the 2017 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Richard McClure and Coach Robert Dargan.

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