**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD TEAM FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE ATHLETES AND COACHES FOR GARNERING THE 2010 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were pleased to learn that the Lower Richland High School track and field team took top honors and captured the 2010 Class AAA State Championship title, defeating teams from Battery Creek and Daniel on May 15, 2010; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires endurance, strength, speed, and rigorous training, the Lower Richland Diamond Hornets posted fifty‑eight points at the state meet to take home the championship trophy; and

Whereas, Lower Richland transformed pressure into winning energy to take the title in the extremely close contest, and proved, as Coach Cedrick Richie asserted, that “pressure is what makes a diamond out of a piece of coal”; and

Whereas, having taken the state’s top honors for two consecutive years, these athletes are no strangers to the dogged determination and grueling effort of demanding practices so necessary to compete successfully; and

Whereas, using their own athletic ability and leadership skills, Coach Richie and his coaching staff forged a championship team and instilled a standard of excellence in these fine athletes that will prove invaluable throughout their lives; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize such a talented group of athletes, and they are grateful for the pride and recognition that the Diamond Hornets have brought to their school and to their community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Lower Richland High School track and field team for another outstanding season, and congratulate these athletes and coaches for garnering the 2010 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Marvin Byers and Coach Cedrick Richie of Lower Richland High School.

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