**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that the members of the Cardinal Newman School varsity girls soccer team of Richland County took top honors for the second year in a row at the state competition on May 12, 2012; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Cardinal Newman Lady Cardinals defeated the Porter‑Gaud Lady Cyclones 2‑0, scoring one goal in each half of play in the championship game; and

Whereas, the Lady Cardinals took a 1‑0 lead at the half on a header from Ashley Brown, and the team’s Sophie Cobb beat the Lady Cyclone keeper from ten yards out for a 2‑0 advantage; and

Whereas, by narrowly missing several early scoring chances, the Lady Cyclones gave Lady Cardinal seniors Molly Rainwater, an All‑State keeper; Meghan Gasser; Sophie Cobb; Pascal Rocca; Mary Katherine Hall; and Elizabeth Hayden a memorable end to the final game of their high school soccer careers; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands speed, skill, and agility, first‑year Head Coach Kathleen Pollard and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the pitch; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the recognition that the Cardinal Newman soccer players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Cardinal Newman School varsity girls soccer team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2012 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jaqualine Kasprowski and Coach Kathleen Pollard.

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