**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY IN CAPTURING FIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN ONE YEAR WITH CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES IN GIRLS TENNIS, BOYS CROSS‑COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, GIRLS TRACK, AND GIRLS SOCCER; AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN UNPARALLELED YEAR OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Christ Church Episcopal School has won a state championship in five different sports in the 2011‑2012 academic year bringing home top honors in girls tennis, boys cross‑country, football, girls track, and girls soccer; and

Whereas, for the fifth consecutive year and the seventh time in ten years, the Christ Church Lady Cavaliers took top honors in girls tennis at the state championship when they defeated East Clarendon 6‑0, losing only one game in five singles matches. The team posted an outstanding 17‑1 season, with its lone loss being to Mauldin, the eventual Class AAAA state champion; and

Whereas, reflections of this success were seen in the selection of Coach Sherry Adams as High School Sports Report Class A Girls Tennis Coach of the Year and South Carolina Coaches Association Statewide Girls Tennis Coach of the Year, and the naming of Olivia Lucas as South Carolina Coaches Association of Women’s Sports Class A Player of the Year; and

Whereas, at the boys cross‑country team’s third state championship victory in six years, Cavalier runner James Quattlebaum broke the 16‑minute mark, finishing in first place out of 135 competitors, and two additional Cavaliers, Justin Trenor and David Moore, finished in the top 15 to qualify for the All‑State team; and

Whereas, cross‑country Coach Rodney Adamee was inducted into the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame this fall, and *High School Sports Report* named him the Class A Cross‑Country Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, in a heart‑racing, state‑championship performance, the Cavalier football team exploded after an 8‑8 halftime tie to defeat Lake View High School 35‑14, earning the team’s first state trophy since 1977 and finishing the season with a 13‑1 record; and

Whereas, Coach Don Frost was named Class A Division II Football Coach of the Year, and Quarterback Hunter Townes was named Class A Division II Football Player of the Year, a North‑South All‑Star, and a member of the Palmetto Champions All‑Star team; and

Whereas, with only three girls competing, Christ Church collected 58 total points to win the school’s first state championship meet for girls track since 1978; and

Whereas, Caroline Jennings collected 30 points with event wins in 800, 1600, and 3200 meters; Victoria Barthelmess placed first in the 400, second in the 200, and fourth in the 100; and Lizzie Sterling, seeded sixth, finished fourth in the 400; and

Whereas, breaking their pattern as state runner‑up in each of the past three seasons, the Lady Cavaliers soccer team defeated Academic Magnet by a score of 2‑0 in the state championship game for the school’s second state trophy in girls soccer; and

Whereas, they finished their season with an excellent 24‑3 record, and Lady Cavaliers Meaghan Carrigan, Sitton Furman, and Sarah Renfro were selected to the 2012 South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association All‑State team; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the recognition that these fine athletic teams have brought to Christ Church Episcopal School and to their larger community through these singular achievements and for the championship spirit that their coaches have molded in them, a spirit that will prove invaluable throughout life both on and off the field of competition. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the exceptional athletic achievements of Christ Church Episcopal School of Greenville County in capturing five state championship titles in one year with championship victories in girls tennis, boys cross‑country, football, girls track, and girls soccer; and congratulate the teams, coaches, and school officials for an unparalleled year of athletic competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Leonard Kupersmith, Headmaster; Pete Sanders, Upper School Director; and Coach R. J. Beach, Director of Athletics.

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