**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM OF BERKELEY COUNTY FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS AND THEIR COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2011 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that the Hanahan High School wrestling team took top honors to win the South Carolina Class AA State Championship; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires stamina, strength, and strategy, the Hanahan High Hawks grappled and pinned their way across the mats to win a state championship victory by defeating the Chesnee High School Eagles in a decisive 53‑25 contest; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their opponents, the Hawks won seven of their first nine contests on the mats against the Eagles, earning pins in each victory; and

Whereas, the Hanahan Hawks ended their season with a 29‑3 overall dual record to win this state championship title against their Chesnee opponents who are in their third season of manning a wrestling team; and

Whereas, the twenty‑three‑man team took six individual state championship trophies in their weight divisions: Dennis Flores and Francis Boykin finished first, J.J. Johnson second, and Cody Hancock and Nick Thompson third; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association recognized Francis Boykin as the 2011 most outstanding wrestler, and he and Cody Hancock, both team captains, represented the Hawks in the North South All Star Wrestling Classic; and

Whereas, using their own athletic ability and training, Head Coach Ray Adkins and his skilled coaching staff honed a championship machine through relentless practices and demanding drills and taught lessons that will prove invaluable to these fine athletes throughout life, both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition that the members of the Hanahan High School wrestling team have brought to their school and to their community through this accomplishment and look to hear of their success in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Hanahan High School wrestling team of Berkeley County for an outstanding season, and congratulate the players and their coaches for capturing the 2011 Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Glenda Levine, principal, and Head Coach Ray Adkins.

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