**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STEPHANIE DEVITA FROM HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL IN SIMPSONVILLE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2010‑2011 GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Stephanie DeVita from Hillcrest High School in Simpsonville has been named the 2010‑2011 Gatorade South Carolina Girls Soccer Player of the Year for the second consecutive year; and

Whereas, in its twenty‑sixth year of honoring the nation’s best high‑school athletes, the Gatorade Company in collaboration with ESPN RISE selected the Simpsonville athlete, the first‑ever Gatorade South Carolina Girls Soccer Player of the Year from Hillcrest High School; and

Whereas, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the fifty states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track and field; and

Whereas, comprised of sport‑specific experts and sports journalists, the national advisory panel helped to select Stephanie DeVita from high‑school soccer players statewide, and she is a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year; and

Whereas, at five foot seven, junior midfielder Stephanie DeVita led the Hillcrest High School Rams to the team’s second‑straight Class AAAA State Championship victory, recording twenty‑one goals and six assists this past season, and she has accrued sixty‑one goals and twenty assists in her high‑school soccer career; and

Whereas, the Gatorade award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field; and

Whereas, with a grade‑point average of 3.62 in the classroom, Stephanie DeVita has added luster to meeting the requirements for this award by volunteering her time as a community soccer coach and as a member of the local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

Whereas, she has verbally committed to play soccer at Furman University on an athletic scholarship beginning in the fall of 2012; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and recognition that Stephanie DeVita has brought to her school and to her community and wish her success in her educational goals both on and off the athletic field. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and recognize the athletic accomplishments of Stephanie DeVita from Hillcrest High School in Simpsonville, and congratulate her upon being named the 2010‑2011 Gatorade South Carolina Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Stephanie DeVita.

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