**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. ED BOEHMKE, EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2011 CLASS AAA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Mr. Ed Boehmke, Eastside High School head cross country coach, has been named 2011 Class AAA Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association (SCTCCCA); and

Whereas, under Coach Boehmke’s leadership, the Eastside Lady Eagles have built an enviable cross country record, culminating recently in their capture of the 2011 Class AAA State Championship title. Coach Boehmke gives full credit for his success as a coach to the solid cooperation and support of his players, assistant coaches, school, and community; and

Whereas, a versatile educator, Ed Boehmke serves as assistant athletic director and science teacher at Eastside, in addition to his duties as head cross country coach; and

Whereas, giving of his time and talents beyond the walls of his school, Coach Boehmke is race director for the annual *Greenville News* Downtown 5k and has served as president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer of the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association; and

Whereas, this legendary coach has compiled an impressive list of personal accomplishments during his long coaching and teaching career, which began in 1977 when he served Eastside as a Furman University student coach. After becoming a full‑fledged member of Eastside’s faculty, he coached his boys cross country team to the Class AAAA championship in 1987 and was twice named South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Cross Country Coach of the Year. Elected to the Coaches Hall of Fame in 1992, he coached the Shrine Bowl Run team in 1995. More recently, he was named the 2009‑2010 Eastside High School Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, most important of all, Coach Boehmke’s enthusiasm for what he does is readily apparent, and he sets a solid example for his players to follow. Ultimately, he wants his athletes to have a “good time learning how to enjoy running as a lifelong activity,” as he puts it; and

Whereas, grateful for his positive impact on the many student athletes he has mentored and coached, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing Coach Ed Boehmke on being named 2011 SCTCCCA Class AAA Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. Ed Boehmke, Eastside High School head cross country coach, on being named 2011 Class AAA Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year by the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Ed Boehmke.

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