**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WRESTLER DEVIN LAWRENCE FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING WRESTLING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE INDIVIDUAL 2012 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Devin Lawrence of Chapin High School won the individual state championship wrestling trophy on Saturday, February 25, 2012; and

Whereas, Chapin Eagle Devin Lawrence grabbed the silver medal in the 2011 state finals and entered the 2012 competition as the team captain with a 47‑6 record for the season; and

Whereas, competing in the 170‑pound weight class, he bested his first opponent with an 8‑2 win, and then pinned his second challenger; and

Whereas, the final match went to overtime after he was able to tie the score with his opponent who had been ahead 4‑2 in the last seconds of the match. In the overtime he lifted the wrestler and landed him on the mat where he was able to score the winning points from behind; and

Whereas, lettering in both football and wrestling, he served as team captain for the football team, and he has consistently maintained honor‑roll status and was a recipient of the Presidential Academic Award for the past three years; and; and

Whereas, a member of the Beta Club and the National Honor Society with a 4.1 grade‑point average, he plans to attend the University of South Carolina in the fall to major in engineering; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands individual discipline as well as mental and physical strength, Devin Lawrence has grappled with opponents and in the process has learned lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mat; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the pride and recognition that Devin Lawrence has brought to Chapin High School and to his community and look to hear of his continued accomplishments in the days ahead. 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 Chapin High School senior wrestler Devin Lawrence for another outstanding wrestling season, and congratulate him for winning the individual 2012 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Devin Lawrence.

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