**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BAMBERG‑EHRHARDT HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina is pleased to learn that the members of the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School varsity wrestling team took top honors for the second year in a row at the state finals at Dreher High School on Saturday, February 11, 2012; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt Red Raiders served the Abbeville High School wrestlers their second straight defeat at the final competition for the state title with a score of 52‑23; and

Whereas, the Red Raiders set the tempo early in the match with two pins for a 12‑0 lead, which gave the reigning champion grapplers a strong mental advantage; and

Whereas, senior Raider David Deleon, who has committed to wrestle for Miami of Ohio, won a hard‑fought match in a decision over his opponent to give the lead back to Bamberg‑Ehrhardt after two match losses; and

Whereas, of the next seven contests, six were wins for the Red Raiders, five of them pins, to clinch their victory over Abbeville; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands physical and mental strength as well as individual discipline, former Red Raider athlete and now Head Coach Cody Slaughter and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School varsity wrestlers have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School varsity wrestling team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2012 Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Randall L. Maxwell and Coach Cody Slaughter.

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