**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2012 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, cruising to victory, the Chapin High School boys tennis team played the best match of their season to win the 2012 Class AAA state championship title on Saturday, May 12, 2012; and

Whereas, the Eagles claimed their “three‑peat” state championship with a 6‑0 sweep against the Nation Ford Falcons at the Cayce Tennis Center, which hosted the event; and

Whereas, when stakes were the highest, Chapin came through with the kind of play that just won’t be beaten. One match went to a third‑set tiebreaker, but the Eagles swept both sets in the other five matches; and

Whereas, according to Coach John Rodgers, the pressure of being the two‑time defending champion was a big obstacle to overcome, and nearly every player in the lineup was playing in a new position after the departure of several seniors from last year’s team; and

Whereas, however, on this year’s team, Chapin’s three seniors and two juniors took ownership of that situation. They wanted to get back to the state championship and show that Chapin tennis is more than individual players; rather, it’s a team with members that work together toward a common goal; and

Whereas, proud of the accomplishments of these fine athletes, the House of Representatives congratulates the Chapin boys tennis team on its continued proven excellence. The Eagles well deserve the reputation for championship‑caliber play they have earned in this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Chapin High School boys tennis team on capturing the 2012 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Akil Ross and Coach John Rodgers of Chapin High School.

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