**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WACCAMAW HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2012 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Waccamaw High School varsity boys tennis team of Georgetown County garnered their fifth state championship title in only six years on March 12, 2012; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Waccamaw Warriors defeated Christ Church Episcopal School of Greenville by winning two of the five singles matches and both of the doubles in the series when the Warriors took the courts for their tenth straight appearance at the state finals; and

Whereas, Warriors Harrison Richmond and Paul Hendrix both won their singles matches, and two other Warrior singles were narrowly lost in hard-fought contests; and

Whereas, dominating their opponents with 6-3 and 6-2 victories, Harrison Richmond and doubles partner Joey Hewes won their match with a solid team-tennis performance; and

Whereas, Paul Hendrix and Alex Czechner paired up for the second doubles match, and won their first set with a repeat 6-3, but they had to dig deep as they led the second set with only a narrow margin of 5-4; and

Whereas, under pressure for the state trophy, Warrior Alex Czechner delivered a solid serve, and when a short return was misplayed by their opponents, the Warriors took their fifth state victory; and

Whereas, one of five All-Americans in the nation for 2011 and 2012, Harrison Richmond, the team’s only senior, led the Warriors all year and has signed to play tennis for the University of Virginia in the fall, Waccamaw’s fifth consecutive signee with division-one schools; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands rigorous training, strength, speed, and agility, Head Coach James Brown 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 court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the recognition that the Waccamaw High School varsity boys tennis players 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 South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Waccamaw High School varsity boys tennis team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season, and congratulate them for winning the 2012 Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal David Hammel and Coach James Brown.

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