**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROLAND HAKES OF THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS‑COUNTRY TEAMS FOR CAPTURING THE 2012 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN 1600 METERS AND CROSS‑COUNTRY 5000 METERS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Roland Hakes of the Dutch Fork High School boys track and field and cross‑country teams finished with two first‑place wins in the 2012 Class AAAA State Championship competition, taking home crowns in both 1600 meters and cross‑country 5000 meters; and

Whereas, Roland finished his Dutch Fork High School running career with the most individual state championships in school history. This year, he won the Class AAAA state title in the 1600 meters with the third‑fastest time in state history, 4:13. Roland also has a state championship in the 3200 meters and two consecutive state titles in cross‑country 5000 meters and owns the fourth‑fastest time in state history for this latter event, 15:10; and

Whereas, to add further glitter to an already spectacular record, Roland recently won his second consecutive Gatorade/ESPN South Carolina Runner of the Year award; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires endurance, strength, versatility, and perseverance, Coach Barry Lindler used his own athletic skill and experience to forge Roland into a champion; and

Whereas, Roland Hakes ends his Dutch Fork career with nearly forty first‑place finishes, nine region championships, eight All‑State finishes, and four state titles from the more than one hundred events in which he has competed for Dutch Fork; and

Whereas, currently the holder of four school records, he will attend Clemson University as a member of its track and field and cross‑country teams; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Roland Hakes on taking his two most recent gold medals and for compiling such an outstanding overall record in track and field and cross country. The members look with interest to hearing of future successes from this talented athlete. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Roland Hakes of the Dutch Fork High School boys track and field and cross‑country teams for capturing the 2012 Class AAAA State Championship title in 1600 meters and cross‑country 5000 meters.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Roland Hakes.

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