**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON AND TO SALUTE THESE ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES ON WINNING THE 2013 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, well prepared for the challenge, the Class AAA Eastside Eagles won their ninth state championship on February 9, 2013, defeating Hanahan 38‑27 at Dreher High School in Columbia; and

Whereas, with jubilant Eagle fans cheering them on, the top‑ranked Eastside grapplers rolled through the tournament and pinned down the 2013 title win. As the Eagles accepted their trophy, supporters began making plans to watch their team take home another trophy next year; and

Whereas, over a successful season, the Eastside team grew increasingly more aware of how to put their talents to use and how to forge winning strategies implemented with a marked determination; and

Whereas, the Eagles put their agility, strength, and perseverance to the test in the title contest, grabbing their ninth state title and the first since the Eagles completed a run of eight in ten years from 2000 to 2009, capped by six in a row; and

Whereas, to add further shine to an already wonderful season, Eastside brought its twenty‑first consecutive region title to the championship competition. This winning streak is older than the grapplers who keep it alive each year; and

Whereas, such an impressive performance is not achieved by accident. Head Coach Jack Kosmicki, ably assisted by Coach David Maholtz, masterfully molded his close‑knit team into championship form, enabling the Eagles to hoist the title trophy once again; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing the young athletes of the Eastside High School wrestling team and anticipate with interest learning of their continued praiseworthy achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the members of the Eastside High School wrestling team on a superlative season and salute these athletes and their coaches on winning the 2013 Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Mike Thorne and Coach Jack Kosmicki.

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