**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the J. L. Mann High School girls varsity lacrosse team of Greenville County took top honors at the state competition at White Knoll High School in Lexington on Monday, April 21, 2014; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the J. L. Mann Lady Patriots, completed an improbable journey back as the top‑ranked team in the State, by defeating Wando High School 13‑11 to win the state championship game; and

Whereas, when the Lady Patriots won the state title in 2013, the team was led by nine experienced seniors, but in the 2014 competition, the younger players faced off and checked their opponents with vigor; and

Whereas, although Wando’s Lady Warriors scored the first two goals of the game, the Lady Patriots posted their next six goals unanswered to take control of the final game; and

Whereas, senior Patriots Ruthann Payne and Emma Anderson scored five and four goals, respectively, while their teammates, who even surprised themselves, shared the effort that led to victory; and.

Whereas, with Lady Patriot Grayson Gaines and the team’s goalie Anna Lee Henry leading the defense, the Patriots allowed only two goals in the final twenty‑one minutes of the first half, putting J. L. Mann ahead 7‑4 at halftime; and

Whereas, in the second half, the Patriots were leading 9‑4 when the Warriors began closing the gap to within 9‑8 and 10‑9 before Patriots Taylor Williams, Ruthann Payne, and Jessica Walsh each scored within twenty‑five seconds to take J. L. Mann’s lead to 13‑9; and

Whereas, J. L. Mann finished the season with a 17‑3 record, winning their second consecutive state title and becoming the school’s first girls program to win four championships; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands quickness and agility, strategy and strength, Head Coach Kristy Schumacher and her skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the J. L. Mann High lacrosse 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 J. L. Mann High School girls varsity lacrosse team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2014 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Charles Mayfield and Coach Kristy Schumacher.

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