**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE WACCAMAW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS‑COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXEMPLARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, poised and ready for the starting signal, the Waccamaw High School girls cross‑country team earned the crown at the Class AA State Championship; and

Whereas, on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at Sandhills Research Center in Columbia, the Lady Warriors jubilantly claimed their newly won title while ecstatic Waccamaw fans rejoiced and began planning a return trip to see their team repeat the performance next year; and

Whereas, earning the top prize was a great feeling to the Lady Warriors, who had finished runner‑up in the Class AA state meet three out of the last four years. This time, Waccamaw grabbed what it wanted and wouldn’t let go, wrapping up its first title with a dominating victory; and

Whereas, led by senior Amelia Jones, who ran 19:21 to win her third straight individual state title, Waccamaw finished with 53 points for a 39‑point victory. Three other Lady Warriors, Mary Butler DeSpain (ninth, 20:42), Briley Arnold (12th, 21:00), and Rylee Allison (13th, 21:06), earned All‑State honors by finishing in the top 15; and

Whereas, using his own athletic skills and experience, Coach Brian White developed his twenty‑five runners into a championship‑caliber powerhouse and harvested another fine season by instilling into them the value of hard work and determination; and

Whereas, grateful for the well‑deserved praise the Waccamaw High School girls cross‑country team members have brought to their school and community, the Senate looks with interest and expectation toward these athletes’ future achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, salute the Waccamaw High School girls cross‑country team, coaches, and school officials for an exemplary season and congratulate them on capturing the Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal David M. Hammel and Coach Brian White.

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