**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM FOR NETTING THE 2014 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND HEAD COACH GINA HILTS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

Whereas, the third time was the charm for the Dutch Fork girls tennis team on Saturday, November 8, 2014, as the Lady Silver Foxes defeated Wando 4‑3 to capture the Class AAAA State Championship title; and

Whereas, Dutch Fork, runner‑up for the previous two title matches, and Wando battled throughout the morning, and by noon Wando had a 3‑2 lead with the doubles match‑up left to play in the game. Dutch Fork seniors Anna Maria Gardiner and Carolina Sinegar evened the score, however, with a 4‑6, 6‑3, 10‑6 match victory; and

Whereas, the doubles win forced a tiebreaker match, and sophomores Lauren Joch and Sam Calais then took care of the rest for Dutch Fork, winning the tiebreaker match in straight sets to help capture their championship; and

Whereas, at the championship game, the Lady Silver Foxes delighted their ecstatic fans, who already were making plans to watch Dutch Fork’s red‑hot rackets do it again at next year’s title match. The win rocketed the team to the end of an outstanding 27‑1 season; and

Whereas, now in her fourth year at the helm for Dutch Fork girls tennis, Head Coach Gina Hilts clearly has instilled a standard of excellence in her athletes that will serve them well throughout their lives, both on and off the court; and

Whereas, appreciative of the great pride and recognition these athletes have brought to their school and community, the House of Representatives congratulates the Lady Silver Foxes on their title win, and the members look with interest toward hearing of their further exploits as tennis champions. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Dutch Fork High School girls tennis team for netting the 2014 Class AAAA State Championship title and honor the players and Head Coach Gina Hilts on a superlative season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Greg Owings, principal, and Head Coach Gina Hilts of Dutch Fork High School.

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