**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA 4‑H HORSE PROGRAM HIPPOLOGY TEAM, ADVISORS, AND 4‑H OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program hippology team took top honors at the Eastern National 4‑H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 8, 2014; and

Whereas, the Eastern National 4‑H Horse Roundup is a national 4‑H competition, with 293 participants from across the nation competing in six contests at the 2014 event. Presentation and hippology, the study of equine science and management, are the most diverse of all the contests, requiring a knowledge of horse science, management, business, horsemanship, and horse judging; and

Whereas, the South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program hippology contest participants included Kristy Waldrep of Charleston, Hailey Mundell of Chapin, Hannah Steele of Chester, and Aubrey Miller of Troy.

Whereas, phases of the contest included taking a written exam, identifying items shown on slides, placing and identifying feedstuffs or feed tags, judging, identifying stations, and solving team problems; and

Whereas, after the four phases of competition, the Palmetto team placed first overall. Kristy Waldrep was named the individual contest reserve champion, and Hailey Mundell placed eighth in the high individual category; and

Whereas, two other participants, Ashley McCarter of York and Ashtyn Kinney of Greenwood, comprised the state’s presentation team which finished fifth overall. They were South Carolina’s first participants invited to speak at the event’s awards breakfast; and

Whereas, in this demanding field, Dr. Kristine Vernon and the skilled advisory staff capitalized on their personal hippology training to build a championship team and teach these participants lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina 4‑H Youth Development Program, part of the 4‑H community across America learning leadership, life skills, and citizenship, uses the involvement of caring adults, a learn‑by‑doing approach, and knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land‑grant university system to empower youth to become productive, contributing members of society; and

Whereas, the national 4‑H Horse Program has more than 260,000 participants, the largest of 4‑H’s animal‑related programs; and

Whereas, South Carolina is currently home to eighty‑five thousand horses, and the beneficial economic impact of the horse industry in the State is approximately $478 million, including equine expenses, equine sales, and other equine income; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the South Carolina 4‑H hippology team members have brought to our great State 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 South Carolina 4‑H Horse Program hippology team, advisors, and 4‑H officials for an outstanding performance and congratulate them for winning the 2014 National Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Kristine Vernon.

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