**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE MCBEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the members of the McBee High School girls golf team took top honors at the state competition, held October 20‑21, 2014, at Black Bear Golf Club in Longs; and

Whereas, elated McBee fans, already making plans to watch the Lady Panthers repeat their championship performance next year, were even more than usually excited because the win made school history as the team’s first‑ever AA state title and the first state title of any kind for the school since 1993; and

Whereas, the team powered its way through the two‑day tournament, leading by more than thirty strokes after day one and increasing the lead to fifty by the end of the second day; and

Whereas, the McBee girls golf program, started about ten years ago by Coach Eddie McKenzie, his daughters, and a few friends, has grown into a well‑recognized program in the Palmetto State. Anchored by three seniors and a junior, the team built on experience gained by playing with higher classifications in previous years to win this inaugural AA tournament; and

Whereas, with no home course on which to practice, the team benefited greatly from the cooperation of the adjacent communities of Pageland, Cheraw, Chesterfield, and Hartsville, which kindly allowed the team use of courses for practice and matches in preparation for the state tournament; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands careful strategy and patient skill, Coach Eddie McKenzie used his own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the fairways and greens; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly appreciate the pride and recognition the McBee High School golfers have brought to their school and community and look to hear of their continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, salute the McBee High School girls golf team, coach, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2014 Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Dennis L. McDaniel and Coach Eddie McKenzie.

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