**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina are delighted to learn that Lexington County’s Chapin High School girls soccer team won the championship trophy at the state match held at Irmo’s W. C. Hawkins Stadium on Saturday, May 14, 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of their loyal fans, the Chapin Lady Eagles seized the team’s first‑ever state championship when they defeated the Hilton Head High School Seahawks decisively 7‑3; and

Whereas, Chapin’s junior standout Rachel Cosby led the Lady Eagles with four goals to secure the team’s impressive championship victory, a feat she had been unable to try for the last two years due to season‑ending injuries; and

Whereas, rounding out the team effort, Chapin’s Salley Slice, Shelby Waites, and Jordan Dawsey also scored goals that put Chapin far in the lead; and

Whereas, Rachel Cosby scored Chapin’s first goal nine minutes into the game, and four minutes later, she scored again off of a corner kick, which gave the Lady Eagles an early 2‑0 lead; and

Whereas, Hilton Head answered with two goals not much more than two minutes apart to tie the game, but Salley Slice took the lead for Chapin by heading the ball over the Seahawks’ goalkeeper twenty‑three minutes into the game, and before the break Rachel Cosby scored off another corner kick; and

Whereas, Chapin’s Shelby Waites scored off a header before Hilton Head posted a goal on a penalty kick to make it 5‑3. Rachel Cosby rifled her final goal in the fiftieth minute, and teammate Jordan Dawsey scored in the closing minutes of play; and

Whereas, ranked number one in class AAA most of the season, the Lady Eagles finished the season with an impressive 20‑2‑1 record as they made their fourth appearance in the state finals and hoisted the team’s first championship trophy; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands power, quickness, and precision, Head Coach Bob Taylor and his expert staff capitalized on their athletic prowess and training to produce a championship team and impart lessons to these athletes that will have inestimable value throughout life on and off the soccer pitch; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the respect and credit that the Chapin soccer players have earned for their school and their community, and the members look to hear of their future achievements 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, recognize and commend the Chapin High School girls varsity soccer team, coaches, and school officials for an exceptional season and congratulate them for capturing the 2016 South Carolina Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Akil Ross, Principal of Chapin High School and to Coach Bob Taylor.

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