**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL 4 X 100 METER RELAY TEAM AND ITS COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2016 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Hillcrest High School 4 x 100 meter relay team of Greenville County took top honors at the state competition, held at Columbia’s Spring Valley High School on Saturday, May 14, 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of their ecstatic fans, the Rams repeated as the 4 x 100 meter relay Class AAAA state champions with the same foursome that gave Hillcrest the victory in 2015, a rarity in track; and

Whereas, Brandon Peppers, Brian Spurgeon, Kelvin Pacheco, and Quentin Martin ran a blistering 41.52, three‑tenths of a second faster than in 2015. In the 4 x 100, this is a tremendous drop in time; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands mental fortitude, individual excellence, and strategy combined with strength, Head Coach Adrique Heyward, with the help of his able assistant coaches, Carla Washington, Alaric Gwynn, Charles Dendy, George Illingworth, and William Crawford, built a championship team and taught these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life both on and off the track; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the pride and enhanced reputation the members of the Hillcrest High School 4 x 100 meter relay team have brought to their school and community. The House anticipates with interest hearing of the team’s 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 Hillcrest High School 4 x 100 meter relay team and its coaches for an outstanding season and congratulate them on winning the 2016 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal G. Bryan Skipper and Head Coach Adrique Heyward.

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