**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON THEIR STELLAR SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING SIX INDIVIDUAL STATE TITLES.

Whereas, a school‑record of six West-Oak High School wrestlers were crowned Class 3A individual state champions on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the state tournament finals at the Civic Center of Anderson; and

Whereas, Jordan Lee, Matthew Williams, Jesse Taylor, Ian James, Tate Capps, and Gavin James all won state titles in their respective weight classes. With these titles, Jordan Lee and Ian James each won their second straight state championship, while Gavin James became the third heavyweight in South Carolina history to win three state titles. Gavin was also named the 3A most outstanding wrestler of the tournament; and

Whereas, a number of other West-Oak wrestlers excelled in the tournament. Freshman Ryan Dobbs placed second, while Damien White and Ethan Powell came in third and Lake Alexander finished fourth; and

Whereas, ranking No. 1 in their weight classes heading into the finals, Ian James, Gavin James, Jordan Lee, Jesse Taylor, and Matthew Williams proved that they’d earned these top spots. Tate Capps, who had been ranked No. 2, beat the state’s top‑ranked 220‑pounder to earn his first state title; and

Whereas, five of the six champions this year are seniors: Tate Capps, Jordan Lee, Jesse Taylor, Ian James, and Gavin James. Their outstanding senior class has 109 dual wins and close to 700 individual wins collectively; and

Whereas, dominating both the team and individual championships, West‑Oak’s individual performances solidified the Warriors’ strength among the state’s competition; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the West-Oak wrestlers have brought to their school and community and look with great interest to hear of all further accomplishments by these talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the West-Oak High School wrestlers, coaches, and school officials on their stellar season and honor them for winning six individual state titles.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the West-Oak High School wrestlers and Coach Greg Brewer.

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