**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, spurred on by their team motto, “Heart of a Champion,” the members of the Chapin High School varsity competitive cheer team soared high over all comers and took home the 2016 South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Class AAAA State Championship crown for the twelfth time; and

Whereas, on November 19, 2016, at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena, these unstoppable athletes proved that their tradition of championship‑level excellence continues to be real and lasting; and

Whereas, exultant Chapin fans, proud that their team had just earned its eighth state title in nine years and its eleventh under Coach Vicki Williams, watched with pride as the Lady Eagles collected the trophy that marked their twelfth overall state championship. As a further result of its consistently superb performance, Chapin’s competitive cheer program has become the first such program in South Carolina history to clinch a state title in three different classifications, AA, AAA, and AAAA; and

Whereas, demonstrating courage, drive, and pure heart, Chapin turned in a marvelous performance, keeping the excited crowd enthralled for the entire competition; and

Whereas, by the time the Lady Eagles had claimed the crown, fans were already making plans to return next year to see their team repeat the feat; and

Whereas, making a sweet victory even sweeter, yet another award came Chapin’s way: Alexis Hoeve was named 2016 4A South Carolina Cheerleader of the Year; and

Whereas, Coach Vicki Williams, refusing to rest on last year’s laurels, trained her show‑stopping team to both technical and artistic brilliance all the way to the top; and

Whereas, recognizing the commitment of these young athletes and the sacrifices they have made in order to reach their goals, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in commending and honoring them for a successful year of cheering and the crowning achievement of winning the SCHSL Class AAAA State Championship title. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the Chapin High School varsity competitive cheer team, coaches, and school officials for a stellar season and applaud them for capturing the 2016 South Carolina High School League Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Akil Ross and Coach Vicki Williams of Chapin High School.

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