**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY SPEED AND STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON OF COMPETITION AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that members of the Laurence Manning speed and strength team of Clarendon County garnered a first-place finish in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) state competition held at Wilson Hall in Sumter on April 20, 2016; and

Whereas, devoted Laurence Manning Swampcat fans were amply rewarded for their loyalty when the speed and strength team won the 2016 finals against all comers in competition that included bench press, vertical jump, broad jump, shuttle run, power clean, and the 40-yard dash; and

Whereas, the diligent effort of every member of the Laurence Manning team paid high dividends as each one captured first place in his weight class at the SCISA Class AAA state championship, an impressive feat since the members have been competing for three years; and

Whereas, members of the team included Ryan Morris, Wyatt Rowland, Cole Hair, Garrett Black, Desmond Sigler, Shakeel Robinson, Brandon Hutson, Colton Ardis, Grayson Gamble, Maleke Davis, Austin Griffith, Chase Rogers, Josh Edwards, and Chris Pugh; and

Whereas, in grueling practices and rigorous drills, Head Coach Shawn McCord and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to mold champions and build character in these athletes that will be a priceless asset through life both on and off the course of competition; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives acknowledge the acclaim and esteem that the speed and strength champions have garnered for their school and their community and expect to learn of their continued success in the future. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Laurence Manning Academy speed and strength team, coaches, and school officials for completing an outstanding season of competition and congratulate them for winning the 2016 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Spencer A. Jordan, Headmaster, and Coach Shawn McCord.

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