**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY BOWLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Laurence Manning bowling team of Clarendon County won the state competition on January 19, 2017, at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter; and

Whereas, encouraged by the support of their fans, the Laurence Manning Swampcats effectively bested their competition, Heathwood Hall, by a sound 507‑456, earning back-to-back championships. This is the Swampcats’ third state championship in the six years of the school’s bowling program; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands precision and accuracy, Head Coach Jay Atkins and Assistant Coach Ashleigh Atkins capitalized on their own expertise and training to forge this championship team; and

Whereas, a young team, with three out of the five bowlers being new to the group, the Swampcats earned their first regular season win only a week before the championship tournament. The team, made up of Mark Lupori, Seth Stamps, Dalton Kirby, Austin Kirby, and Gregory Morris, used the lessons learned during the first nine matches of the season to bring home the big win. As Head Coach Atkins said, “Everything just came together in the final match”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the prestige and esteem that the Swampcats have continued to bring their school and community and are eager to hear of their continued accomplishments; and

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Laurence Manning Academy bowling team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Dr. Spencer A. Jordan, Director of Athletics Robbie Briggs, and Head Coach Jay Atkins.

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