**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE BOB JONES UNIVERSITY BRUINS MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON WINNING THE 2016 NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET AND TO COMMEND THESE RUNNERS ON A STELLAR SEASON.

Whereas, on November 12, 2016, the Bob Jones University men’s cross country team shot past all comers to win the 2016 National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II National Championship, held in Jackson, Mississippi; and

Whereas, excitement was especially intense during this title meet, because the Bob Jones runners finished it by earning their first men’s cross country national title in school history. By the time all was over, fans were already planning to return next year to see the Bruins repeat the feat and claim the crown once again; and

Whereas, determined to see his runners show the best that was in them, Coach Landon Bright drilled these athletes in hard work, self‑discipline, and team spirit. The crowning results speak for themselves; and

Whereas, the Bruins burst onto the scene in 2016 when the team had three top‑three finishes, including capturing two tournament meets throughout the season; and

Whereas, to add to the luster of the team’s NCCAA title win, three Bob Jones runners earned All‑American honors as Josh Rush, Sam Koenke, and Matthew Hopkins each finished in the top five, and Coach Bright was selected as National Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the General Assembly extends its best congratulations to Bob Jones University and is pleased to add its collective voice of praise to the many accolades flowing in on the occasion of the school’s capturing its first men’s cross country national title. Go, Bruins! Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, celebrate the Bob Jones University Bruins men’s cross country team on winning the 2016 National Christian College Athletic Association Division II National Championship meet and commend these runners on a stellar season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Steve Pettit and Coach Landon Bright of Bob Jones University.

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