**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF LAW ON WINNING THE 2017 NATIONAL TAX MOOT COURT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the Charleston School of Law, for an unprecedented sixth year in a row, has won the National Tax Moot Court Championship; and

Whereas, held in St. Petersburg, Florida, the national competition pitted teams of students from different law schools around the country to argue a legal tax issue in a simulated court proceeding before a panel of judges organized by the Florida Bar Tax Section; and

Whereas, President Ed Bell of the Charleston School of Law remarked, “For law schools taking part in moot court competitions, this is like winning the Super Bowl six times in a row. Not only did our student competitors take the title for the second time in a row, but the school under the outstanding leadership of Professor Kristin Gutting won for the sixth time in a row. It’s an amazing accomplishment and a testament to the quality of our school”; and

Whereas, team members Anna Boning of Manassas, Virginia, and Tyler Gilliam of Raleigh, North Carolina, marched through the three‑day tournament without a loss. They bested teams from law schools at Loyola University in Chicago, the University of Kentucky, the University of Oregon, and Louisiana State University. On Saturday, February 4, 2017, in the final round, they argued in front of sitting U.S. Tax Court judges to defeat a team from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. Leading the students were student coach Jane Diange of Tampa, Florida, and Professor Gutting, who has now coached six consecutive national championship teams; and

Whereas, during the month leading to the competition, Professor Gutting organized daily practice rounds that were judged by members of the Charleston Bar. She said the school’s success was due to a team effort; and

Whereas, in addition to being on the winning team, Anna Boning and Tyler Gilliam took home the prize for Best Brief. After graduation, these third‑year law students plan to work and pursue master’s degrees in tax law; and

Whereas, grateful for the commitment and high excellence shown by the Charleston School of Law moot court team, the House takes great pleasure in saluting these fine young people and their coaches on capturing the 2017 National Tax Moot Court Championship. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Charleston School of Law on winning the 2017 National Tax Moot Court Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ed Bell, president of the Charleston School of Law, and Jane Diange and Professor Kristin Gutting, team coaches.

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