**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EMILY COX FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Emily Cox took top honors at the State competition held at Carolina Springs Golf Club in Fountain Inn in October 2016; and

Whereas, to the delight of her fans, Emily defeated the tough competition to secure her first high school State championship; and

Whereas, Emily has made a practice of winning big tournaments on the final hole with a great putt, and on this fateful day, she made no exception. The Andrew Jackson High School golfer added the AAA High School championship to her list of final hole victories; and

Whereas, describing her excitement at clinching the win, Emily stated, “ever since I started playing back in the seventh grade, I always wanted to win a State championship. There is nothing that compares with this, it is amazing and awesome.” Having won major victories in the past, Emily has the experience to compare major wins. She has won two Blade Junior Championships and the Vicki DiSantis Junior Championship, as well as playing in the USGA Junior Girls Championship; and

Whereas, her competition was stiff against Peyton Gillespie. Both ladies finished at 141 for the thirty‑six hole championship. Peyton shot rounds of 71 and 70 to earn a spot in the playoff. Emily shot an opening round of 67 for the lead, but fell off that pace with a 74 in the second round; and

Whereas, both golfers were able to reach the green on the par‑5 18th hole with their second shots. Peyton played first and rolled her thirty‑foot putt just past the hole. Emily’s putt was a little shorter. It was slightly uphill and had a little break. The putt broke right at the hole and slid around the cup before falling in for an eagle; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands strategy and presence of mind, Emily maximized on her own experience and passion to produce a championship title; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the pride and recognition that Emily has brought to her school and community and look to hear of her future success in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Emily Cox for winning the 2016 South Carolina Class AAA State Golf Championship Title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Emily Cox.

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