**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the South Aiken High School girls soccer team took top honors at the state competition held at W. C. Hawkins Stadium in Irmo on Friday, May 12, 2017; and

Whereas, to the cheers of their ecstatic fans, the Thoroughbreds defeated the Chapin High School Eagles, winners of the 2016 AAA state champion, in a thrilling 4‑2 victory, securing South Aiken’s first state championship title in girls soccer; and

Whereas, the regulation period ended in a 1‑1 stalemate, with the exhausted T‑Breds short on defenders but long on spirit. Digging deep, the South Aiken girls found a way to win in the second of two sudden‑death overtime periods; and

Whereas, in a game decided by penalty kicks, the Thoroughbreds came up with critical saves courtesy of stellar goalkeeper Makenzie Cude, who received the game ball for her clutch performance in the historic win. Edie Demedicis kicked the game‑winning goal on a penalty kick, adding to penalty kick scores made by Haleigh Bollig, Marissa Lee, and Megan Musick; and

Whereas, South Aiken head Coach Dave Mihoulides and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to build a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the field; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the South Aiken High School girls soccer team has brought to its school and community, and look forward to hearing of the continued accomplishments of its players in the days ahead. 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 South Aiken High School girls varsity soccer team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jill Jett and Coach Dave Mihoulides.

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