**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND 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 tennis team took top honors at the state competition held at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center on Wednesday, May 17, 2017; and

Whereas, after capturing the 2013 state trophy, the Thoroughbreds made the state finals three years in a row without being able to reclaim the title until this year; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the South Aiken Thoroughbreds defeated a competitive A. C. Flora High School tennis team 4‑3 when brothers Alex and Aaron Sklizovic took the team’s winning point in doubles with a 6‑0, 6‑4 victory for the championship; and

Whereas, the brothers claimed three of the four points for the Thoroughbreds, with Alex, the state individual champion, easily taking his match at No. 1 with 6‑1, 6‑1 games, and Aaron winning at No. 2 singles with 6‑3, 7‑5; and

Whereas, Thane Tiffany won at No. 3 singles for South Aiken, but after the five singles matches, South Aiken only led 3‑2. With a doubles victory, the Falcons had a tie, until the Thoroughbreds took the deciding game of doubles; and

Whereas, in a sport that exacts strength, speed, and agility, Head Coach Rakesh Jasani and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to forge another championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the court; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the South Aiken tennis players have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued achievements 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, congratulate the South Aiken High School boys tennis team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and 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 Rakesh Jasani.

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