**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL MEN’S VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, before a host of exuberant fans, the Cardinal Newman High School Cardinals of Richland County defeated hometown rival Hammond School, posting a 4‑1 victory at the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class 3A state competition held in Charleston on Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

Whereas, the first two goals of the title competition against the Hammond Skyhawks were unassisted and posted only a half hour into the game both by Cardinal senior Wyatt Millard, the second on a penalty kick; and

Whereas, less than two minutes after the successful penalty kick, Hammond scored, closing the deficit to 2‑1. Wyatt Millard, SCISA 3A Player of the Year and a signee with the United States Naval Academy, delivered another goal some forty minutes later, and teammate senior German Jaramillo posted one for good luck within a minute and sealed the win for the Cardinals; and

Whereas, Cardinal Newman’s defense provided solid coverage against the Skyhawks with junior Carson Bohannon as the keeper and seniors Max Lapin and Will Maracich and junior Matthew Benson on the backline; and

Whereas, the mature team boasting sixteen seniors finished their high school careers nationally ranked in the top ten at the end of the season and captured the program’s fifth state championship with a remarkable 18‑1‑1 record that included eleven shutouts; and

Whereas, the Cardinals were undefeated and untied against all SCISA comers in the 2017 season, and were bested only by no less than Class AAAAA Wando High School, the top‑ranked team in the nation; tied last season’s Class AAAAA state runner‑up Clover High; and pulled out a victory over Class AAAA state champion Chapin High; and

Whereas, Cardinals Wyatt Millard, Max Lapin, Matthew Benson, German Jaramillo, Will Chontos, Carson Bohannon, and Ben Mizeur were all named SCISA All‑State players; and

Whereas, before state title games, the soccer team members have a tradition of donning eccentric haircuts while Head Coach Will Eudy wears his lucky Brookland‑Cayce t‑shirt to every state match he coaches, the one he got while playing high school soccer. Both traditions have proven five-time lucky charms for the Cardinals; and

Whereas, in a sport that requires dexterity, quickness, and speed, Coach Will Eudy, *High School Sports Report* SCISA 3A Coach of the Year, and his capable coaching staff capitalized on their own athletic ability and training to forge a championship team and teach these athletes important lessons in the field of life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the satisfaction and credit that the Cardinal Newman soccer players have brought to their school and their community and expect to hear of their future success 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 Cardinal Newman School men’s varsity soccer team, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and for winning the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 3A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Jacqualine Kasprowski and Coach Will Eudy.

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