**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Woodland High girls track and field team of Dorchester County took top honors at the state competition held at Spring Valley High School in Columbia on Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

Whereas, to the delight of their exuberant fans, the Woodland High Wolverines captured the state track and field trophy by posting a score of 135 to defeat all comers, besting their nearest competitor, Christ Church at 104. Third and fourth place finishers trailed with Ninety‑Six posting 49 and Batesburg‑Leesville 47; and

Whereas, for the Lady Wolverines, Sommer Knight took the gold medal and set a state record of thirteen feet in the pole vault, breaking the previous record of 12 feet 8 inches. Teammate Tedreauna Britt won the discus at 154 feet 5 inches and was second in the shot put, while Kalesia Allen accrued additional points for the Wolverines with second place in the discus and third place in the shot put; and

Whereas, Woodland’s Auyana Carson won the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet 5 inches; Keyrra Gaddist finished second in the 100 and 400 meters and Janiah Washington third in the 400 meters; and

Whereas, taking first place with a time of 49.51, the Lady Wolverine 4x100 relay team included Janiah Washington, Keyrra Gaddist, Mercedes Ravenell, and Sommer Knight. The 4x400 relay team repeated the victory dance with 4:05.86 by Janiah Washington, Keyrra Gaddist, Mercedes Ravenell, and Latira James; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands personal excellence, as well as perseverance and versatility, Head Coach Chavez James and his skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to produce a championship‑caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable on the track of life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Woodland track and field athletes 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 Woodland High School girls track and field team, coaches, and school officials for a remarkable season and for winning the 2017 South Carolina Class AA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Bernard Utsey and Coach Chavez James.

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