**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON THEIR FABULOUS “THREE‑PEAT” WIN OF THE 2017 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the members of the St. James High School girls golf team packed up yet another trophy, the impressive proof of their third straight win of the state championship competition, held at the Barony Course at Hilton Head’s Port Royal Golf Club; and

Whereas, in a much closer shave than with their previous two trips to the state girls golf tournament, the Lady Sharks were able to hold off D.W. Daniel by five strokes to claim the Class AAAA title. It was the second straight championship for St. James at the Class AAAA level and third overall; and

Whereas, ecstatic St. James fans noted that, although Daniel came in on fire, it was the Lady Sharks’ day to win it all. St. James finished with a 31‑over 607 for the tournament; and

Whereas, in addition to landing another team championship, St. James senior Smith Knaffle continued to add to her legend by again earning medalist honors at the state tournament. Over the two‑day event, she shot a 5‑under 139 to win her second straight individual state title and a berth on the All‑State team; and

Whereas, also faring well for the Lady Sharks was senior and All‑State selection Jordan White, who finished third in her final competitive tournament with an 8‑over 152. St. James also had contributions from Katie Smith (77‑83 ‑ 160), Adrian Anderson (81‑80 ‑ 161), and Amanda Meno (89‑78 ‑ 167); and

Whereas, in a sport that demands careful strategy and the patient exercise of polished skill, Coach Denise Noll used her own athletic ability and training to build a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the fairways and greens; and

Whereas, to add to the festivities surrounding the St. James victory, school officials held a surprise “welcome home” Tuesday night at St. James for the Lady Sharks: a police escort and a celebration of the team’s accomplishments with students and faculty. All were jubilant in remembering that most of the team is scheduled to return next season; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives salutes the Lady Sharks for another season of shining like the stars they are. The members look forward to hearing of their further accomplishments 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, celebrate the St. James High School girls golf team, coach, and school officials on their fabulous “three‑peat” win of the 2017 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Vann Pennell and Coach Denise Noll of St. James High School.

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