**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SCOTT’S BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Scott’s Branch High School boys track and field team of Clarendon County took top honors at the state competition held at Spring Valley’s Harry Parone Stadium in Columbia on Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

Whereas, to the delight of their faithful fans, the Scott’s Branch Eagles with an overall score of 163 points flew to victory over runner-up McBee High School scoring 73 points, to capture the 2017 state trophy; and

Whereas, the Eagles swept the relays to contribute to the team’s state title. The 4x100 team of Marqus House, Christavis Johnson, Jacob Brailsford, and Kevin Johnson took first place. Christavis Johnson, Keondre Tappin, Kevin Johnson, and Marqus House teamed up to win gold in the 4x400 meter relay. For the 4x800 meter relay, Christavis Johnson and Keondre Tappin were joined by teammates Daquan Brock and Alexander Conyers to take first place honors; and

Whereas, Scott’s Branch added several more first-place finishes to the team score when the individual best was awarded to Marquise Thomas for the shotput, Andre Brown for the discus throw, and Vaquan Wilder in pole vaulting. Robert Matterson also took first place in the 400 meter hurdles, as well as third place in the 110 meter hurdles; and

Whereas, Keondre Tappin took two red ribbons for second place in the 400 meter dash and in the 800 meter run, while Christavis Johnson finished second in the 200 meter dash, Josh Pringle placed second in the discus throw, and Amonte Brown took second place in both the 110 meter hurdles and the high jump; and

Whereas, the well-rounded and overall high performance of the entire team contributed to this stunning victory for the Eagles and left no doubt that they are the outstanding champions in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands stamina and mental conditioning, Head Coach Wayne Farmer and his skilled coaching staff capitalized on their own experience and passion to forge a championship-caliber team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable through life both on and off the track; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the pride and recognition that the Scott’s Branch runners have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their continued 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, recognize and honor the Scott’s Branch High School boys track and field team, coaches, and school officials for an outstanding season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Class A State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Corey Burgess and Coach Wayne Farmer.

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