**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SCOTT’S BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING 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 girls track and field team of Clarendon County captured first place in the state competition at the Harry Parone Stadium at Spring Valley High School in Columbia on Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

Whereas, with exuberant cheers emanating from their loyal fans and with an overall score of 105 points, Scott’s Branch defeated a competitive field of comers, of which Lewisville High School was the closest competitor with 49 points, to take home the state trophy and amass abundant blue and red ribbons; and

Whereas, their victory was made all the sweeter as the boys from Scott’s Branch took first place in the State at the same time that their schoolmates on the Lady Eagles’ track and field team won their state championship; and

Whereas, with heavy contributions to the girls’ final score, the Scott’s Branch 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams both took first place ribbons through the efforts of Lady Eagles Paulette Wimberly, Mary Wimberly, Queen Ford, and Aly Conyers; and

Whereas, Mary Wimberly won two more blue ribbons in the 1600 meter run and 800 meter run while Paulette Wimberly followed with two of her own in the 400 meter run and 200 meter dash; and

Whereas, Aly Conyers added a second place finish in the 400 meter dash and third place in the 800 meter run while other Lady Eagles completed the overall outstanding score for an exceptional state title win; and

Whereas, although track and field requires boundless endurance and versatility, Head Coach Clarence Rattley and his capable coaching staff maximized their own athletic ability and training to mold champion athletes and impart life lessons to them that will prove valuable both on and off the track; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina values the esteem and respect that these athletes have acquired for Scott’s Branch High School and for their community, and the members expect to hear of their continued achievements in the years to come. 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 girls track and field team, coaches, and school officials for a stellar season and congratulate them for garnering 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 Clarence Rattley.

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