**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE BAMBERG‑EHRHARDT HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON AND TO SALUTE THESE ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES ON WINNING THE 2018 CLASS AA DUALS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, well prepared for the challenge, the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School wrestling team grabbed the 2018 Class AA Duals State Championship title on Saturday, February 10, 2018, downing Liberty 44‑33; and

Whereas, with jubilant Red Raider fans cheering them on, the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt grapplers rolled through the tournament and pinned down the 2018 title win, overcoming an eighteen‑point deficit to claim the crown. As the Red Raiders (42‑9) accepted their trophy, supporters began making plans to watch their team do it again next year; and

Whereas, over a successful season, the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt team members grew increasingly more aware of how to put their talents to use and how to forge winning strategies implemented with marked determination. They put their agility, strength, and perseverance to the test in the title match and captured their first state crown since 2013; and

Whereas, such an impressive performance is not achieved by accident. Head Coach Jake Stewart masterfully molded his team into championship form and recorded his second state championship since taking over the helm of the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt wrestling program; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing the young athletes of the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School wrestling team and anticipate with interest learning of their continued praiseworthy achievements. 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 members of the Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School wrestling team on a superlative season and salute these athletes and their coaches on winning the 2018 Class AA Duals State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Dennis Ulmer and Head Coach Jake Stewart of Bamberg‑Ehrhardt High School.

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