**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of the Ben Lippen School competition cheer squad of Richland County captured top honors at the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) state competition held at the Sumter County Civic Center on Thursday, November 9, 2017; and

Whereas, to the delight and pride of their loyal fans, the Ben Lippen Lady Falcons defeated a competitive field of comers with a score of 251, besting their nearest rivals, the Hammond Academy Lady Skyhawks, who scored 243.5; and

Whereas, the Ben Lippen cheerleaders executed the choreography and transitions in their program, including jumps, stunts, and tumbling, with poise and keen attention to detail; and

Whereas, cheerleaders Grace Gray, Jaden Caughman, and Rose Cooper were named as All‑State standouts for the Lady Falcons; and

Whereas, in a field that exacts precision, grace, and strength, Head Coach Ellen Jennings and her skilled coaching staff maximized their own experience and passion to hone a championship‑caliber squad and teach these athletes lessons that will prove valuable through life both on and off the mats; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the esteem and recognition that the Ben Lippen cheerleaders have brought to their school and their community and look to hear of their future success 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 Ben Lippen School competition cheer squad, coaches, and school officials for an extraordinary season and congratulate them for winning the 2017 South Carolina Independent School Association Class 3A Division II State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Headmaster Tony Fajardo and Coach Ellen Jennings.

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