**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, determined not to rest on their laurels, the Bishop England High School girls lacrosse team grabbed the gold once again at the state championship game, held at Irmo High School on Saturday, April 28, 2018; and

Whereas, to the delight of their fans, the Lady Bishops earned their third consecutive state championship when they defeated Chapin 10‑5 in the title match; and

Whereas, in another coup, Bishop England completed its first perfect season at 18‑0 with a balanced scoring effort and a suffocating defense. The Lady Bishops did not allow Chapin a second‑half goal in recording their seventh straight win over the upper state champions. Bishop England never trailed in the contest and held an 8‑5 lead at halftime; and

Whereas, the team’s success, as Coach Weiner truly declares, lies in its defense: “People have heard me say it before, we are a defensive team. … Our offense is good because they practice against the best defensive team in the State every single day”; and

Whereas, adding further pleasure to an outstanding season, the Lady Bishops racked up numerous awards. Senior standout Emma Pizzo, who holds every state record for lacrosse, was named Player of the Year, and she and fellow teammates Annie Burton, Grace Ann Carlson, Ellie Long, Ginger Tompkins (who also won top defensive player honors), and Ava Ward were tapped for first‑team All‑State; in fact, together they made up the entire team. Further, Assistant Coach Angie Kennington was named Assistant Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands quickness and agility, strategy and strength, Coach Jeff Weiner and Assistant Coach Angie Kennington utilized their own athletic ability and training to mold a championship team and teach these athletes lessons that will prove invaluable throughout life, both on and off the field; and

Whereas, with great pride, the House salutes the fine athletes of the Bishop England High School girls lacrosse team on this, their latest accolade, and the members expect to hear of the team’s continued achievements 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 members of the Bishop England High School girls lacrosse team for a superb season and congratulate them on winning the 2018 South Carolina High School League Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Patrick Finneran and Coach Jeff Weiner of Bishop England High School.

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