**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SALUTE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM ON ITS EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S FINE ATHLETES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2018 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Whereas, supremely ready for the challenge, the Chapin High School boys soccer team captured the 2018 Class AAAA State Championship title, soaring above Eastside 1‑0 on Friday, May 11, 2018, at Irmo High; and

Whereas, it was the team’s fifth title overall and the third championship in a row. The victory also was the fiftieth state championship in school history. Immediately after this three‑peat title win, Chapin admirers began speculating on the possible necessity of adding a new shelf to the team’s trophy case to hold all its awards; and

Whereas, jubilant Chapin fans cheered with excitement as the Eagles, with equal doses of heart and hustle, orchestrated a game that gave sports pundits confidence in predicting another great season in 2019; and

Whereas, it was sweet icing on the cake that Chapin’s sixteen seniors didn’t lose a playoff match during their final three seasons; and

Whereas, junior Josh Lochstamphor scored the only goal of the game as he hit the game‑winner for the second straight match. He drilled a free kick from 29 yards out in the 47th minute to put the Eagles up 1‑0. The midfielder also had the game‑winning goal in the 4A Lower State championship earlier in the week; and

Whereas, Chapin’s senior defense did the rest as it recorded the Eagles’ eleventh straight shutout and twentieth of the season, the twenty shutouts giving the team a tie for second highest in state history. In addition, the Eagles haven’t allowed an opponent a goal since March 29; and

Whereas, having honed his players into a championship machine, acting Head Coach Ken Corning saw the fruits of his labor as the title trophy was hoisted; and

Whereas, the journey to winning the state title required discipline, dedication, and teamwork, qualities that always will serve these young men well both on and off the soccer field. With admiration, the House recognizes and applauds the outstanding work of the Chapin High School boys soccer team and wishes its members much continued success in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, salute the Chapin High School boys soccer team on its excellent season and congratulate the team’s fine athletes on their impressive win of the 2018 Class AAAA State Championship title.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Akil E. Ross, Sr., and acting Head Coach Ken Corning of Chapin High School.

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