**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE MOUNT PLEASANT TRACK CLUB AND COACHES ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR STELLAR PERFORMANCE AT THE USA TRACK & FIELD JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is proud to recognize the Mount Pleasant Track Club for placing first in the country in two different age divisions and second and fourth in two other age divisions at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in Madison, Wisconsin on December 14, 2019; and

Whereas, these wins mark the club’s first cross country national championships; and

Whereas, the Mount Pleasant Track Club had fifty-eight athletes from fourteen age groups compete in the championships. Six of these athletes earned individual All‑American distinction; and

Whereas, for the boys’ division for ages eight and under, Mount Pleasant won first place with a twenty-nine-point lead over the next closest team. The All-Americans from this division were Miles Tonelis in fourth place, Dylan Johnson in sixth, and Ryder Kotz in twelfth. The top runners in the division also included Vinny Cote in forty-eighth and Evan Whichard in sixty-first; and

Whereas, for the boys’ division for nine to ten-year-olds, the team won first place with one All-American, Gabe Hislop, who finished fourth and has now earned All‑American honors eight times, tying the program’s record. The other top runners from this division were Drew Butler in twenty-eighth place, Anthony Cote in thirty-ninth, Brett Schleier in fiftieth, and Zachary Teachman in seventy-sixth; and

Whereas, for the girls’ division for ages eight and under, Mount Pleasant won second place. Savannah Hislop placed eighth overall, earning All‑American distinction. Lucy Baxter placed twenty-eighth, Siena D’Agostino forty-fourth, Olivia Lee eighty-third, and Ada Klick eighty-seventh; and

Whereas, in the boys’ division for ages seventeen to eighteen, Nick Fiorillo finished twelfth to claim Mount Pleasant’s sixth individual All‑American distinction; and

Whereas, the 2019 season was a ground-breaking one for the club, which has grown exponentially since it was founded seventeen years ago. This past year, it boasted five hundred fifty-nine athletes, forty-two individual state championships, sixteen team state championships, and twenty-eight All‑Americans; and

Whereas, the Mount Pleasant Track Club has flourished under the leadership of Tami Dennis, its head coach and one of the board members. She fosters a friendly, team-driven environment in which the athletes can have fun and make friends while working hard; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the pride and recognition that the Mount Pleasant Track Club has brought to its community and look forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by the club and its talented athletes. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Mount Pleasant Track Club and coaches on an outstanding season and honor them for their stellar performance at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic Cross‑Country Championships.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Mount Pleasant Track Club and coaches.

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